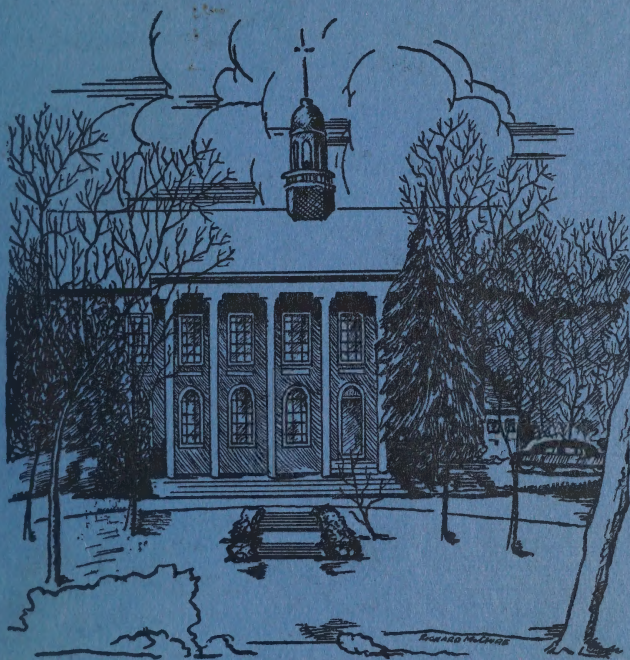


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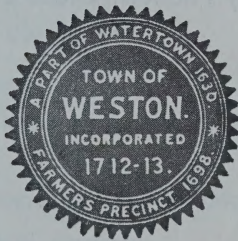


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OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
WESTON
MASSACHUSETTS
For The Year Ending December 31, 1949



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The Cover . . .

The Board of Selectmen acknowledges with pleasure its indebtedness for the Town Hall cover design of this report to Richard McClure, a member of the Class of 1950, Weston High School. The Selectmen judged it the best of twelve designs submitted in competition by students of the High School Art Department. It is hoped that this may become an annual competition open to Weston High School students. Honorable mention is made of the designs submitted by Anne Marshall, Class of 1951, and Betsy Nichols, Class of 1950.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON, 1949

ELECTED BY THE VOTERS

Selectmen	Term Expires
WM. R. DEWEY, JR., <i>Chairman</i>	1952
RAYMOND W. COBURN	1950
J. ROBERT AYERS, <i>Secretary</i>	1951

Town Clerk

FRANCIS BLAKE	1950
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Treasurer and Collector

HELEN E. CUTTING	1950
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Moderator

FRANCIS G. GOODALE	1950
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Assessors

EDWARD P. RIPLEY, <i>Chairman</i>	1950
WILLIAM P. COUES	1952
LEANDER H. REDFIELD	1951

School Committee

ANTHONY BRAYTON, <i>Chairman</i>	1950
MORTIMER T. FARLEY	1951
WILLIAM W. GALLAGHER, JR.	1952
HOWARD GAMBRILL, JR.	1952
MARY C. NICHOLS	1950

Board of Public Welfare

ROBERT G. HUTCHINSON, <i>Chairman</i>	1951
HERBERT CROUCH	1950
ELIZABETH B. JANEWAY	1952

Water Commissioners

HERBERT W. WEBER, <i>Chairman</i>	1950
HAROLD COLPITTS	1952
OSCAR A. SCHLAIKJER	1951

Recreation Commission

DOROTHY B. U. FIELD, <i>Co-Chairman</i>	1952
KARL ADAMS, JR., <i>Co-Chairman</i>	1952
CHARLES K. CUMMINGS, JR.	1950
ELEANOR B. SPEARE	1951
DR. WILLIAM T. VAN HUYSEN	1950
HAROLD A. MOSHER	1951

Planning Board

DONALD D. REYNOLDS, <i>Chairman</i>	1952
DAVID BLANEY	1950
E. OLSEN FIELD	1954
ALBERT B. HUNT	1951
W. BROWNELL FREEMAN	1953

Library Trustees

GRANT M. PALMER, JR., <i>Chairman</i>	1952
MILES HANSON, JR.	1951
GERTRUDE FISKE	1950

Park Commissioners

DONALD WYMAN, <i>Chairman</i>	1952
CHEALES E. MEAD	1950
RAY M. KOON	1951

Cemetery Commissioners

WALTER W. WELD, <i>Chairman</i>	1952
EDMUND V. MEZITT	1950
CHARLES E. MEAD	1951

Board of Health

DR. FRESENIUS VAN NUYS, <i>Chairman</i>	1952
WALTER C. REED	1950
DR. CHARLES A. JANEWAY	1951

Measurers of Lumber

WILLIAM J. HENDERSON	1950
HAROLD A. OGILVIE	1950
CHARLES H. STIMPSON, JR.	1950

Tree Warden

JOHN L. DUFFY	1950
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Commissioners of Trust Funds

HOMER F. WHITTEMORE, <i>Chairman</i>	1951
EDWARD B. HUBBARD	1952
JOSEPH SNYDER	1950

Trustees of the Merriam Fund

LOUISE D. BROTCHE	1951
GEORGE O. RUSSELL, JR.	1952
MARY R. BERRY	1950

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN**Town Counsel**

GRANT M. PALMER, JR.	1950
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Town Accountant and Executive Secretary

J. WARD CARTER	1951
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Superintendent of Streets

STANLEY FABBRI	1950
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Moth Superintendent

JOHN L. DUFFY	1950
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Chief of Police

J. SUMNER VILES	1950
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Police Officers

FRANK L. JACQUES	1950
LAWRENCE H. CUGINI	1950
WILLARD J. FRYE	1950
HAROLD J. LINGLEY	1950
ROBERT C. MILLEN	1950
ROBERT P. LAZZARI	1950

Permanent Reserve Police Officers (under Civil Service)

FRANK O. SHAW	GILBERT L. UPHAM
ROLAND L. BUMPUS	FRANK J. WOODS

Provisional Reserve Police Officer (under Civil Service)

GRANT ATWOOD

Constables and Dog Officers

J. SUMNER VILES	1950
FRANK L. JACQUES	1950
LAWRENCE H. CUGINI	1950
WILLARD J. FRYE	1950

Constables

BENJAMIN P. ADAMS	1950
MAURICE L. UPHAM	1950

Chief of Fire Department and Forest Warden**Inspector of Buildings and Inspector of Wires**

MAURICE L. UPHAM	1950
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings and Wires

CHARLES H. STIMPSON, JR.	1950
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Registrars of Voters

ALBERT R. SPEARE, Dem.	1950
JOHN J. CRONIN, Dem.	1951
EUGENE O. HANSON, Rep., <i>Chairman</i>	1952
THE TOWN CLERK, <i>ex officio</i>	

Sealer of Weights and Measures**Pound Keeper and Keeper of Lockup**

J. SUMNER VILES	1950
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Historical Committee

GERTRUDE FISKE, <i>Chairman</i>	1950
EDWARD P. RIPLEY	1952
HENRY W. PATTERSON	1951

Burial Agent**Burial Agent for Veterans**

WINFRED A. MARTIN	1950
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Board of Appeals

ALFRED THOMAS	1952
JOSEPH B. HARTWELL	1951
DAVID A. PERRY	1950
Associate Members:	
WALTER H. TRUMBULL	1952
MORTIMER T. FARLEY	1951
JOHN W. AYER	1950

Director of Veterans' Services

AUSTIN S. HALE	1950
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Veterans' Agent

WM. R. DEWEY, JR.	1950
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Advisory Board in Department of Veterans' Services

JOHN W. AYER	ROBERT W. STARMER
CHARLES D. GRAY	EVERETT M. STUDLEY
DR. CHARLES A. JANEWAY	REV. LEO E. SULLIVAN
JULIUS H. MUELLER, JR.	A. H. TEITTINEN
ARTHUR A. NICHOLS	WALTER H. TRUMBULL
HENRY W. PATTERSON	DR. F. VAN NUYS

Bulletin Committee

MRS. JOSEPH B. HARTWELL	1951
MRS. RUSSELL L. DORRANCE	1951
MRS. ISABEL T. TAYLOR	1951
MRS. EDWARD W. RAYNER	1952
WILLIAM P. COUES, JR.	1952
HENRY W. PATTERSON	1950
F. F. PETERSON	1950
MRS. FRANKSFORD SUMNER	1950

APPOINTED BY TOWN CLERK**Assistant Town Clerk**

J. ROBERT AYERS	1950
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APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Finance Committee

EVERETT M. STUDLEY, Chairman	1951
G. KENNARD WAKEFIELD	1952
CHARLES M. GANSON	1950
STANLEY G. FRENCH	1952
CHARLES G. SQUIBB	1950
RICHARD H. FIELD	1951
ASA B. FOSTER	1951
DONALD J. HURLEY	1951
DWIGHT FOSTER	1950

Memorial Day Committee

ELIZABETH B. DOYLE	1950
HAROLD J. ADLER	1950
STINA L. SODERBERG	1950
EDWARD C. CUTLER	1950
THOMAS E. RUSH	1950

Special School Building Committee

(Appointed under Article 1 of warrant for June 25, 1946,
Special Town Meeting.)

EDWARD B. HUBBARD, *Chairman*
 JOHN G. BROOKS, *Secretary*
 MARJORY L. BLANEY
 ARTHUR A. NICHOLS
 CHARLES O. RICHARDSON

Veterans' Housing Board

(Appointed Under Article 16 of Warrant for March 15, 1948)

RICHARD P. HOLLAND, *Chairman*
 EDWARD R. LANGENBACH
 ROBERT J. WILKES
 D. STEPHEN THRALL
 LEONARD H. DOWSE

Special Advisor to Veterans' Housing Board

(Not a Member of the Board)

EARL H. EACKER

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Agent of the Board of Health

CURTIS M. HILLIARD 1950

Inspector of Slaughtering and Inspector of Animals

DR. PAUL R. GRANHOLM 1950

Inspector of Plumbing

HAROLD B. COLPITTS 1950

Sanitary Inspector

HAROLD S. HANKS 1950

Agents to Issue Burial Permits

FRANCIS BLAKE 1950

MARGARET E. BERRY 1950

MURIEL R. VITUM 1950

WM. R. DEWEY, JR. 1950

Commissioner, East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project

DONALDSON R. McMULLIN

Senators In Congress	{ LEVERETT SALTONSTALL OF NEWTON HENRY CABOT LODGE OF BEVERLY
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Representative in Congress	HAROLD D. DONOHUE OF WORCESTER
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Councillor	OTIS M. WHITNEY OF CONCORD
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State Senator	CHARLES W. OLSEN OF ASHLAND
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Representatives in General Court	{ G. CHAUNCEY COUSENS WILLIAM E. HAYS
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CALENDAR

SELECTMEN — First Wednesday of each Month, 8 P.M., at the Town House, Waltham 5-7320.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — First and third Tuesdays of each month, 8 P.M., at the Elementary School. Open to public if requested in advance. Waltham 5-6715.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS — Meetings by appointment.
Call Edward P. Ripley, Chairman. Waltham 5-7320.

WATER COMMISSIONERS — Meetings by appointment.
Call O. A. Schlaikjer, Secretary. Waltham 5-0463.

BOARD OF HEALTH — Second Tuesday of each month, 7:15 P.M.
Dr. Van Nuys, Chairman. Waltham 5-0022.

VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD — Meetings by appointment.
Austin S. Hale, Director Veterans' Services. Waltham 5-2724.

BOARD OF APPEALS	{ Alfred Thomas, Chairman	Waltham 5-2604
	{ Joseph B. Hartwell	Waltham 5-3436
	{ David A. Perry	Waltham 5-1419

PLANNING BOARD	{ Donald D. Reynolds, Chairman	Waltham 5-1110
	{ E. Olsen Field	Waltham 5-1938
	{ Albert B. Hunt	Waltham 5-4979
	{ David Blaney	Wellesley 5-2975
	{ W. Brownell Freeman	Waltham 5-3977

STATISTICS

	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
†Population	3,590		4,375			4,473				
Number of Voters	2,459	2,189	2,427	2,181	2,571	2,355	2,563	2,384	2,665	2,519
Number of Assessed Polls	1,512	1,548	1,529	1,450	1,529	1,609	1,619	1,571	1,513	1,544
Number of Dwelling Houses	962	998	1,016	1,019	1,017	1,019	1,024	1,037	1,067	1,149
School Membership (average)	633	620	632	645	629	635	650	701	684	739
Valuation Real Estate	\$9,631,400	\$9,824,150	\$9,982,115	\$9,800,715	\$9,715,955	\$9,786,625.00	10,039,325.00	10,562,075.00	11,189,800.00	12,053,650.00
Valuation Personal Property	993,917	906,932	899,343	906,654	943,229	946,732.50	946,206.00	1,021,218.80	1,019,536.00	1,055,790.00
Total Assessed Valuation	\$10,625,317	\$10,731,082	\$10,881,458	\$10,707,369	\$10,659,184	\$10,733,357.50	\$10,985,531.00	\$11,583,291.80	\$12,209,336.00	\$13,109,440.00
State Income Tax	\$23,398	\$26,628	\$31,625	\$31,945	\$35,734.00	\$31,327.57	\$32,326.23	\$32,326.23	18,955.10	65,077.04
Corporation Tax	1,605	3,644	7,935	14,553	22,758.29	15,991.94	16,621.50	16,621.50	16,216.20	61,832.42
Gasoline Tax	15,227	16,542	16,542	—	12,890.99	12,365.99	9,488.63	9,488.63	10,920.00	—
Received	\$40,230	\$46,814	\$56,102	\$46,498	\$71,383.28	\$59,685.50	\$58,436.36	\$58,436.36	\$46,091.30	\$126,909.46
State Tax	\$24,160	\$26,235	\$23,850	\$7,950	\$21,175.00	\$11,900.00	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00	—	—
Metropolitan Tax	4,644	3,349	3,289	3,062	2,886.92	2,970.14	3,604.58	3,786.34	3,581.40	6,266.77
*County Tax	15,803	17,570	15,046	14,694	16,656.46	17,026.77	13,922.31	24,295.59	22,766.32	30,442.59
Paid	\$44,607	\$47,154	\$42,185	\$25,706	\$40,718.38	\$31,896.91	\$32,626.89	\$37,181.93	\$26,347.72	\$36,709.36
Town Debt	\$238,000	\$258,000	\$221,000	\$186,000	\$170,000	\$143,000	\$239,000.00	\$215,000.00	\$1,072,000.00	\$975,000.00
Tax Rate	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$24.50	\$27.50	\$30.50	\$38.50

*Includes assessments for Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital.
 1940 (Federal Census); 1942 (Census taken by Committee on Public Safety); 1945 State Census.
 Total area of Town—Approximately 16.8 sq. mi.
 Greatest extent north and south Approx. 6 mi.
 Greatest extent east and west Approx. 3.7 mi.

WARRANT

FOR THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

1950

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To any Constable of the Town of Weston, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, 1950, at 12 o'clock noon to act on Article 1 of this warrant; and to meet in said Town Hall on the same date at 8 o'clock p.m. then and there to act upon the remaining articles of this warrant.

The polls for the election of town officers will be opened at 12 o'clock noon and may be closed at 7:45 o'clock p.m.

Article 1. To bring in their votes for the following town officers to be voted for on one ballot:

	For term of
A moderator	One Year
A town clerk	Three Years
One selectman	Three Years
One member of the board of public welfare	Three Years
One Assessor	Three Years
Two members of the school committee	Three Years
A treasurer and collector	One Year
One library trustee	Three Years
One trustee of the Merriam Fund	Three Years
One park commissioner	Three Years
One cemetery commissioner	Three Years
One member of the board of health	Three Years
One commissioner of trust funds	Three Years
One water commissioner	Three Years
One member of the planning board	Five Years
Two members of the recreation commission	Three Years
A tree warden	One Year
Three measurers of lumber	One Year

Article 2. To hear and act upon reports of town officers and committees.

Article 3. To take any action, including appropriation of money, respecting buildings, equipment, furniture and other particulars of the plant and facilities of the public schools.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the costs of government and other town charges for the current year; and to fix the salaries and compensation of elected officers of the Town for the current year.

Article 5. To authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, and to issue and renew or refund a note or notes therefor.

Article 6. To transfer money from the overlay reserve fund to the reserve fund.

Article 7. To authorize the assessors to make deductions on account of available funds in the treasury in determining the annual assessment of taxes in the current year.

Article 8. To appropriate for the support of the Public Library the dog license refund received in the current year.

Article 9. To appropriate money from available funds in the treasury in anticipation of state and county reimbursement for chapter 90 highway maintenance.

Article 10. To determine the Saturdays on which the public offices at the Town Hall may remain closed.

Article 11. To appropriate money, to be raised by borrowing or otherwise, for laying or relaying water mains, and to authorize the issuing of any necessary bonds or notes.

Article 12. To take any action relative to affiliation with the town of Rombas, France.

Article 13. To establish a committee to consider and investigate the Weston-Natick boundary line and to report to the Town its conclusions and recommendations.

Article 14. To authorize the acquisition by purchase, eminent domain or gift, for storage, housing, garaging, servicing, repair and other purposes pertaining to town vehicles, equipment, appliances, tools, materials and supplies, of the fee or other interests in the whole or any part of a parcel of land of Ralph F. Jones and Mary C. Warren containing one acre more or less and located at the southeast corner of the Boston Post Road By-Pass and Golden Ball Road, and of a parcel of land of Ralph F. Jones containing seven acres more or less and located on the south side of the Boston Post Road By-Pass a short distance easterly of Golden Ball Road, being the land of his adjacent to the west side of Linwood Cemetery and lying northerly of the south boundary of Linwood Cemetery extended westerly, including the strip giving access to such parcel from Golden Ball Road; and for such acquisition to transfer the unexpended appropriation of \$2000 made by the vote adopted under Article 11 of the warrant at the town meeting held on March 26, 1945, and to appropriate additional money.

Article 15. To authorize the acquisition by purchase, eminent domain or gift, for the purpose of a public parking place, of the fee or other interests in the whole or any part of substantially the lands, located on the south side of the Boston Post Road in the central business zoning district, shown as parcels A, B, C, D, and E on a plan made by Charles H. Stimpson, Jr., dated November 30, 1949, entitled "Plan showing proposed land acquisition for public parking space Town of Weston Massachusetts", on file in the office of the planning board; and to appropriate money for such acquisition.

Article 16. To amend the zoning by-law, Article VIII of the by-laws, substantially as follows:

(1) By striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 1. *Establishment of Districts.* For the purposes of this by-law, the Town of Weston is hereby divided into seven classes of districts to be known as:—

1. Single residence districts, Class A,
2. Single residence districts, Class B,
3. Single residence districts, Class C,
4. General residence districts,
5. Business districts, Class A,
6. Business districts, Class B,
7. Industrial districts,

as shown on the map which accompanies this by-law, entitled: "Zoning Map of the Town of Weston, Massachusetts, as amended 1950," filed in the office of the Town Clerk, which map, together with all the boundary lines and designations thereon, is hereby declared to be a part of this by-law.

(2) By striking out the title of section 8 and inserting in place thereof the following title: *Setback Distance: All Districts except Business Districts, Class A.*

(3) By striking out the title of section 12 and inserting in place thereof the following title: *Business Districts, Class B, and Industrial Districts.*

(4) By striking out the first six words of paragraph A of section 12 and inserting in place thereof the words: In the business districts, Class B, and in the industrial districts,

Article 17. To accept and allow a building line established on the south side of the Boston Post Road in the central business zoning district by an order of the selectmen dated February 28, 1950, on file in the office of the town clerk, and shown on a plan made by Charles H. Stimpson, Jr., dated February 18, 1950, constituting part of said order and on file therewith; and to approve and adopt the provisions of said order respecting structures now existing in the area between such building line and the Boston Post Road.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, at the Town House, at the Kendal Green railroad station, and on the town bulletin board at the junction of South Avenue and Newton Street and Park Road, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, February 28, 1950.

WM. R. DEWEY, JR.

RAYMOND W. COBURN

J. ROBERT AYERS

Selectmen of the Town of Weston

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Time Marches On! Another year rolls 'round and again it is necessary that the members of the Board of Selectmen give to the Town an account of their stewardship of those functions delegated to them by the Great and General Court, and the By-Laws of the Town, or relegated to them by the absence of any one else to accept them.

If the general tone of this report appears to be in a lighter vein than that of previous years we can only say that it reflects the lightening of the burdens of the position by the establishment in 1949 of the new post of Executive Secretary and Town Accountant.

Pursuant to the vote of the Town at the last annual meeting the Selectmen appointed J. Ward Carter to the position. The Town has already been fully informed about his background, qualifications, and the nature of his duties. Every department head and every citizen of the Town who has had occasion to do business with the new Executive Secretary will testify to the fact that this was one of the best moves the Town has made in many years. Without exception, town departments have cooperated with him and made use of his services, with profit to themselves and to the Town. We look forward to a much more efficient administration of the Town's affairs with his assistance.

After having "viewed with alarm" for the last few years the ever-increasing tax rate (and been accused of trying to scare the town away from voting funds for not-essential services) *we finally got it*, when our tax rate in 1949 hit a new all-time high \$38.50. As the Town Historian points out in his report, we too hope it will forever be the all-time high.

This year we hope to "point with pride" to a substantially reduced tax rate. We are gunning for a reduction of at least 10%. If estimates of revenues do not shrink between now and the time the Assessors set the 1950 rate, as they have a strange way of doing, we believe it can be at least 10% and perhaps more.

We again have a healthy surplus of about \$135,000.00 after having squeezed it last year down to about \$48,000.00 by various appropriations not included in last year's annual budget. Some departmental operating expenses have been reduced; earlier capital expenditures are not recurring. The school budget, although again showing the largest increase, is being carefully brought into line with general town planning with an eye to the future instead of just today. Several meetings between the School Committee, the Finance Committee and the Selectmen have produced a cooperative spirit which will benefit the Schools and the

Town. It appears now that barring some substantial change in anticipated school enrollment, no further substantial new construction for schools will be needed for five years, during which time we can get rid of some of the heavy debt we are now carrying.

Did you know that except for two tiny towns with a disproportionate debt we have the second largest per capita debt in the State? The following is a study of our debt picture.

On January 1, 1950, the total bonded indebtedness of the Town of Weston was \$990,000, of which \$136,000 was Water Bonds and \$854,000 School Bonds. Of the School Bonds, \$481,000 was outstanding within the debt limit, and \$373,000, by special act of the Legislature, outside the debt limit. The retirement schedule for the next five years is as follows:

Date of Payment	Total dollars of bonds to be retired	Bond retirement inside of debt limit	Bond retirement outside of debt limit, including water and school bonds
1950	\$97,000	\$43,000	\$54,000
1951	97,000	43,000	54,000
1952	77,000	33,000	44,000
1953	69,000	33,000	36,000
1954	67,000	33,000	34,000

On the first day of January 1955, the total bonded indebtedness would be \$583,000, of which \$296,000 would be within the debt limit and \$287,000 outside the debt limit, if no further bonds were issued but we now know the Veterans' Housing Committee is ready to proceed with the erection of six houses which will require a bond issue, all outside the debt limit, of \$60,000 and it is probable within the next five years that the Water Department will require additional bond issues for substantial extensions. The actual indebtedness on January 1, 1955, will, therefore, be larger in total and in the amount outstanding outside the debt limit. Under the circumstances, it is doubtful if the Legislature, by special act, would permit the Town to borrow outside the debt limit for capital expenditures normally financed within the debt limit.

The debt limit established by statute, provides a maximum of 5% (raised from 3% in 1948) of the average of the total town valuation for the three preceding years. Estimated at \$662,500 on January 1, 1955, there would be available at that time for further borrowing \$366,500, an amount insufficient to build very much of anything unless there is an unexpected decrease in the cost of construction.

It, therefore, becomes mandatory that the Town make the best of all existing buildings for some years to come.

Comments above with reference to a reduction in the tax rate are made having in mind that there will probably be requests for funds under other articles in the warrant. We've included an educated guess as to how much these will total in reaching conclusions. A few comments on some of these articles.

Municipal Garage

This has been the source of perennial migraine for the Selectmen and highway department. We couldn't quite bring ourselves to ask for \$50,000.00 for this purpose and spoil an otherwise attractive picture, so we'll try it in bites. For now, only a couple of thousand dollars to acquire a site, in addition to \$2,000.00 that has been gathering moss in an account to buy land for a proposed police station. Who knows, maybe our own town highway department, ingenious in many ways, may end up by building it for us, or some other windfall may come our way.

Affiliation with Rombas, France

We're for it. Any move within reason that may help the world get away from a bad case of pre-war jitters we support wholeheartedly. Incidentally, all it costs is a little time and a few postage stamps. That helps, too.

Natick — Weston Town Line

Surprise! The Selectmen of Natick and Weston may have been perambulating a wrong town line since 1712. Our new assessors' maps disclose that that section of the line near Nonesuch Pond may be about 140 feet over into what we have always thought to be Natick.

Diplomatic relations have been established with Natick and we hope you'll authorize us to settle the dispute amicably.

Town Center Parking Area

The Planning Board has worked long and hard to provide an off street parking area in the shopping district. We favor taking the first step of their proposal, acquiring the land, before we wake up to the need some day in the future when the land may cost us as much as a gold mine.

If this is worked out, perhaps we can get the state to release its stranglehold on that part of the Post Road and put it in decent shape for us to take over and maintain. Then we will have the right to establish sensible parking and traffic regulations.

May we suggest in passing that if you have not already done so, you will find a visit to the fire station to see the new fog wagon most interesting.

You appropriated the money to buy the chassis, equipment, and materials, but the men in the department built it and did an outstanding job. Other cities and towns are now following suit, at great savings.

This year's budget includes a request for funds for one additional full time policeman. Under the present schedule on one day each week there is only one man on duty; not enough for seventeen square miles. Furthermore, it has become necessary that a good part of one man's time be spent on investigations. This is impossible for a man tied to a radio patrol car. Another man can help greatly in recovering stolen goods, and keeping an eye on the comings and goings of some of our more exuberant youngsters, etc.

Also included in the budget is a request for sufficient funds to provide an overall 5% increase in the wages of all town employees. By and large we have always had an excellent standard of service from municipal employees; a helpful, not grudging, willingness to give their best. The times being what they are we should reciprocate as our general economic situation will allow. This seems to us a reasonable request.

We continue to hold our own financially in spite of these increased costs and in spite of the pressures from other sources. The state is ramming through Route 128, arbitrarily rearranging town ways without even a courteous reception of reasonable requests to cooperate in our overall plans; we continue to defend the suit to extend quarry operations; new real estate developments continue apace adding more costs than the revenues they provide. Perhaps when the tax rate starts down fewer land owners will find it necessary to make subdivisions.

But why should we complain at our problems? Nearly every community we've read about recently faces an increased instead of a decreased tax rate, and if the Town of Weston had no problems, it probably would have little need for Selectmen.

Appropriations and Expenditures for 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949 and Appropriations Recommended for 1950

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recom- mendations for 1950 with Balances
General Government						
Selectmen	App.	\$700.00	\$700.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	666.53	536.45	—	—	—
Chairman's Salary	App.	—	—	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Exp.	—	—	200.00	200.00	—
2nd Member's Salary ..	App.	—	—	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	100.00	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary	App.	—	—	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	100.00	100.00	—
Expenses	App.	—	—	300.00	300.00	300.00
	Exp.	—	—	211.51	218.23	—
Finance Committee	App.	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	26.00	29.00	10.00	10.00	—
Town Accountant	App.	2,750.00	2,100.00	2,250.00	—	—
	Exp.	2,632.54	1,793.90	2,042.05	—	—
Town Accountant and Executive Secretary		—	—	—	—	—
Salary ..	App.	—	—	—	4,275.00	4,875.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	3,712.50	—
Expenses	App.	—	—	—	225.00	360.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	215.28	—
Treasurer and Collector ..	App.	3,800.00	4,000.00	—	—	—
	Transfers	—	151.71	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	189.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	3,988.16	4,151.71	—	—	—
Salary	App.	—	—	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,600.00
	Exp.	—	—	3,150.00	3,150.00	—
Expenses	App.	—	—	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,600.00
	Bal. Jan 1	—	—	—	—	15.00
	Exp.	—	—	1,899.76	1,743.97	—
Assessors	App.	1,000.00	1,200.00	—	—	—
	Transfers	145.86	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,145.86	1,126.20	—	—	—
Chairman's Salary	App.	—	—	500.00	750.00	1,000.00
	Exp.	—	—	500.00	750.00	—
2nd Member's Salary ..	App.	—	—	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	100.00	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary	App.	—	—	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	100.00	100.00	—
Expenses	App.	—	—	800.00	1,060.00	375.00
	Exp.	—	—	798.04	756.57	—
Town Clerk	App.	375.00	400.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	285.37	399.57	—	—	—
	App.	—	—	150.00	150.00	150.00
Salary	Exp.	—	—	150.00	150.00	—
	App.	—	—	250.00	250.00	350.00
Expenses	Exp.	—	—	258.18	248.12	—
Clerk of Committees	App.	3,600.00	3,900.00	4,300.00	6,000.00	7,785.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	94.00	—
	Exp.	3,598.66	3,833.32	4,085.00	6,094.00	—

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recom- mendations for 1950 with Balances
General Government—Cont.						
Law	App.	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,700.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
	Exp.	1,435.36	1,779.68	1,669.92	2,990.59	—
Election and Registration	App.	1,000.00	750.00	1,200.00	750.00	1,380.00
	Transfers	112.96	—	—	—	—
Planning Board	Exp.	1,112.96	559.40	1,234.11	518.99	—
	App.	2,600.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	11,000.00	3,000.00
Planning Board	Bal. Jan. 1	912.95	2,051.95	—	—	1,462.18
	Exp.	1,461.00	6,558.12	5,437.77	9,537.82	—
Planning Board Capital Outlay	App.	—	1,000.00	1,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	605.80	—	—
Town Hall†	Exp.	—	394.20	1,574.92	—	—
	App.	7,500.00	8,000.00	16,475.00	14,000.00	10,150.00
Town Hall†	Bal. Jan. 1	657.64	378.67	178.42	4,746.72	3,245.36
	Exp.	8,058.61	8,170.46	11,974.25	15,501.36	—
Committee to report on Standing Votes and By- laws† ..		Bal. Jan. 1	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total General Govt.		App.	24,925.00	29,100.00	40,125.00	47,460.00
		Bal. Jan. 1	2,259.59	2,930.62	1,284.22	5,246.27
		Transfers	258.82	151.71	—	94.00
		Exp.	24,411.05	29,332.01	35,495.75	46,197.43

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recommendations for 1950 with Balances
Protection of Persons and Property						
Police Dept.						
Salaries	App.	17,260.00	19,920.00	21,225.00	22,400.00	24,550.00
	Exp.	15,659.72	18,944.58	20,763.69	21,750.00	—
Other Expense	App.	2,375.00	2,600.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,800.00
	Exp.	2,359.43	2,552.62	3,288.05	2,771.78	—
Out of State Travel	App.	—	1,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	761.00	—	—	—
Equipment and Ap- paratus†	App.	1,500.00	1,300.00	2,300.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,046.60	736.39	234.58	5.25	38.49
	Exp.	1,810.21	1,801.81	2,529.33	2,466.76	—
Land for Station†	App.	—	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fire Dept.						
Salaries	App.	13,790.00	15,594.00	20,229.99	21,800.00	22,775.00
	Transfers	556.50	1,337.27	—	—	—
	Exp.	14,346.06	16,931.27	20,207.67	21,378.75	—
Other Expenses	App.	4,849.00	4,900.00	4,940.00	2,500.00	4,675.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	1,115.95	—
	Exp.	4,836.01	4,864.46	4,940.00	3,615.53	—
Equipment and Ap- paratus†	App.	2,750.00	1,385.00	1,750.00	2,100.00	2,275.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	17,219.21	18,715.81	518.82	5.57	541.62
	Exp.	1,253.40	19,581.99	2,263.25	1,563.45	—
Fog Fire Truck	App.	—	—	—	5,500.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	5,493.23	—
Hydrant Service	App.	9,000.00	7,200.00	7,500.00	7,980.00	7,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	130.00	500.00	—
	Exp.	8,740.00	6,472.50	6,450.00	6,500.00	—
Sealer of Weights and and Measures	App.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	12.60	18.68	15.00	18.96	—
Moth Extermination	App.	4,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Exp.	2,979.62	1,113.03	2,191.50	2,830.67	—
Tree Warden	App.	2,500.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	4,500.00	5,800.00
	Exp.	2,498.99	2,969.94	4,062.00	4,484.95	—
Building Inspector	App.	100.00	150.00	150.00	650.00	390.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	63.10
	Exp.	97.16	120.66	145.85	515.51	—
Total Protection of Per- sons and Property	App.	58,149.00	59,574.00	68,119.00	75,955.00	76,790.00
	Transfers	556.50	1,337.27	—	1,115.95	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	20,265.81	21,452.20	2,913.40	2,510.82	2,643.21
	Exp.	54,593.20	76,132.54	66,856.34	73,394.59	—

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recom- mendations for 1950 with Balances
Health and Sanitation						
Board of Health	App.	2,150.00	2,825.00	—	—	—
Chairman's Salary	App.	—	—	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	—	—	50.00	50.00	—
2nd Member's Salary...	App.	—	—	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	—	—	25.00	25.00	—
3rd Member's Salary...	App.	—	—	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	—	—	25.00	25.00	—
Expenses	App.	—	—	3,125.00	3,500.00	2,300.00
	Transfer	—	450.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan 1	—	—	—	—	332.50
	Exp.	1,657.35	2,876.48	2,919.58	2,883.22	—
Cooperating Boards of Health	App.	1,826.00	1,861.00	2,300.00	2,330.00	2,300.00
	Transfers	—	25.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,810.09	1,774.78	2,037.38	2,254.66	—
Inspection of Plumbing ..	App.	—	—	—	—	1,290.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	—	—
Mosquito Control East Middlesex Project ...	App.	—	4,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Exp.	—	4,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	—
Total for Health and Sanitation	App.	3,976.00	9,186.00	10,525.00	10,900.00	10,900.00
	Transfers	—	475.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	332.50
	Exp.	3,467.44	9,151.26	10,056.96	10,237.88	—

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recommendations for 1950 with Balances
Highways and Bridges						
Salaries	App.	19,050.00	26,550.00	30,600.00	31,000.00	31,750.00
	Transfers	369.23	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	19,419.23	23,106.36	29,811.99	29,094.76	—
Expenses ..	App.	16,600.00	19,400.00	27,100.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
	Transfers	367.44	3,659.79	—	1,479.50	—
	Exp.	16,967.44	23,050.77	29,716.19	27,166.31	—
Chap. 90, Maintenance	App.	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	—
	Receipts	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
	Exp.	1,794.53	1,491.86	—	1,489.66	—
Chapter 90, Construction†	App.	—	7,000.00	7,500.00	5,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	28,000.00	8,432.19	14,357.39
	Receipts	—	—	22,500.00	15,000.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	49,567.81	14,074.80	—
Highway Equipment†....	App.	800.00	3,500.00	11,850.00	1,200.00	—‡
	Bal. Jan. 1	8,780.00	2,780.10	99.68	154.52	642.62
	Exp.	6,799.90	6,180.42	11,795.16	711.90	—
Sidewalks	App.	1,000.00	1,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	984.64	963.66	—	—	—
Highway Land Takings† ..	App.	2,000.00	2,000.00	—	3,000.00	1,450.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,550.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	4,450.00	—
Street Lighting	App.	10,200.00	10,450.00	11,000.00	11,300.00	11,300.00
	Exp.	10,125.42	10,395.90	10,532.06	11,300.00	—
Public Dump	App.	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	2,100.00
	Exp.	1,323.78	1,348.00	1,339.99	1,161.67	—
Total for Highways						
	App.	52,050.00	71,800.00	89,950.00	79,400.00	73,600.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	9,780.00	5,780.10	28,099.68	13,536.71	18,550.00
	Transfers	736.67	3,659.79	—	1,479.50	—
	Receipts	2,000.00	1,000.00	23,500.00	16,000.00	—
	Exp.	57,414.94	66,536.97	122,231.14	89,449.10	—

‡ \$4,800.00 Appropriated, Special Town Meeting, January 5, 1950.

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recom- mendations for 1950 with Balances
Public Welfare						
Board of Public Welfare..						
Chairman's Salary	App.	—	—	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	—	—	50.00	50.00	—
2nd Members Salary....	App.	—	—	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	—	—	50.00	50.00	—
3rd Members Salary....	App.	—	—	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	—	—	39.58	50.00	—
Dependent Aid						
Administrative	App.	1,000.00	1,000.00	600.00	850.00	—
	Exp.	979.69	984.89	616.61	625.00	—
Old Age Assistance						
Administrative	App.	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,650.00	1,300.00	—
	Exp	990.06	1,242.55	1,261.71	1,032.43	—
Aid to Dependent Chil-						
dren Administrative ...	App.	250.00	250.00	100.00	50.00	—
	Exp.	236.96	246.22	—	—	—
Administration						
Salaries	App.	—	—	—	—	1,790.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	—	—
Expenses ..	App.	—	—	—	—	660.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	—	—
Dependent Aid	App.	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00
	Exp.	5,444.69	5,425.58	5,781.02	5,421.85	—
Old Age Assistance	App.	10,700.00	14,000.00	11,000.00	13,000.00	12,750.00
	Transfers	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	11,632.99	12,189.47	11,000.00	12,028.73	—
Aid to Dependent Chil-						
dren	App.	1,400.00	1,400.00	—	—	200.00
	Exp.	1,096.80	188.70	—	—	—
Total for Public Welfare	App.	20,850.00	24,400.00	19,500.00	21,350.00	20,550.00
	Transfers	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	20,381.19	20,277.41	18,798.92	19,258.01	—
Soldiers' Benefits	App.	1,000.00	200.00	850.00	500.00	500.00
	Exp.	40.00	—	556.33	129.50	—

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recommendations for 1950 with Balances
Schools						
Salaries	App.	103,900.00	128,500.00	147,325.00	172,477.00*	142,047.00
	Exp.	103,217.27	128,215.40	146,608.52	166,646.84	—
Inspection of School Children	App.	675.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
	Exp.	675.00	900.00	780.00	900.00	—
School Nurse	App.	1,575.00	1,800.00	1,825.00	1,890.00	1,942.90
	Exp.	1,574.97	1,800.00	1,825.00	1,835.39	—
Maintenance, Repair, and Other Expenses....	App.	41,700.00	37,500.00	58,652.00	37,243.01	42,005.00
	Transfers	2,621.85	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	44,330.55	37,446.03	59,748.33	37,228.69	—
Transportation	App.	—	—	—	17,500.00	20,000.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	17,399.85	—
Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance	App.	500.00	500.00	1,100.00	550.00	1,100.00
	Exp.	385.96	431.71	609.52	365.25	—
Vocational Education	App.	850.00	800.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,800.00
	Transfers	6.75	120.20	—	—	—
	Exp.	856.75	920.20	1,019.00	1,087.48	—
Out of State Travel	App.	200.00	125.00	250.00	300.00	400.00
	Exp.	27.34	42.15	250.00	299.30	—
Association Membership Dues	App.	—	75.00	85.00	90.00	90.00
	Exp.	—	71.90	80.00	90.00	—
Removal of Debris at for- mer Case House	Transfer	—	748.38	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	748.38	—	—	—
Repairs and Alterations to former Case House	App.	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	4,818.13	—	—	—	—
Temporary Classrooms ...	App.	—	6,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	5,133.84	—	—	—
Special School Investigating Committee	App.	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,598.45	—	—	—	—
Purchase of Land for School and Recreational Purposes	App.	10,100.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	100.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	10,000.00	100.00	—	—	—
Lunchroom Salaries	App.	—	5,200.00	2,800.00	4,500.00	*3,050.00
	Exp.	—	5,103.80	2,762.10	1,200.00	—
Lunchroom Expenses	App.	—	21,300.00	10,500.00	12,000.00	*7,709.00
	Exp.	—	15,600.14	10,201.54	5,927.03	—
TOTAL SCHOOLS	App.	169,500.00	202,700.00	224,637.00	248,650.01	221,034.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	100.00	—	—	—
	Transfers	2,628.60	868.58	—	—	—
	Exp.	167,484.42	201,929.06	223,884.01	232,979.83	—

* \$45,800.00 Appropriated for School Salaries, Special Town Meeting, January 5, 1950;
 \$1,950.00 Appropriated for Lunchroom Salaries, Special Town Meeting, January 5, 1950;
 \$5,550.00 Appropriated for Lunchroom Expenses, Special Town Meeting, January 5, 1950.

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recommendations for 1950 with Balances
School Restoration Committee†						
	App.		—	203,003.00	—	—
	Receipts				43 400.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1		—	—	12 815.41	8,853.53
	Exp.		—	190,187.59	47,356.88	—
School Building Committee†						
	App.	6,000.00	—	25,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	6,000.00	584.49	25,000.00	—
	Exp.	—	5,415.51	584.49	25,000.00	—
Outlays to be Financed by Bond Issue—						
School Building Committee						
	App.	494,000.00	—	400,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	494,000.00	494,000.00	725,048.66	178,684.62
	Transfers	—	—		1,906.88	—
	Exp.			168,951.34	548,270.92	—

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recommendations for 1950 with Balances
Libraries						
Salaries	App.	—	8,750.00	9,000.00	10,300.00	11,160.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	200.00	—
	Exp.	—	8,445.04	8,998.44	10,499.91	—
Other Expenses	App.	—	3,665.00	2,375.00	2,900.00	2,900.00
	Receipts	—	1,211.96	1,218.70	—	—
	Exp.	—	4,801.69	3,456.44	2,870.25	—
Library Incidentals	App.	9,168.00	—	—	—	—
	Receipts	1,132.12	—	—	—	—
	Transfers	—	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	10,034.76	—	—	—	—
Books & Periodicals	App.	—	—	900.00	1,800.00	2,300.00
	Exp.	—	—	1,068.27	1,799.45	—
Maintenance & Repair	App.	—	—	500.00	1,100.00	1,550.00
	Receipts	—	—	—	1,200.78	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	667.00
	Transfer	—	—	49.90	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	549.90	1,416.70	—
Equipment	App.	—	—	500.00	500.00	200.00
	Exp.	—	—	455.33	493.32	—
Out-of-State Travel	App.	—	—	—	—	125.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	—	—
Total for Libraries	App.	9,168.00	12,415.00	13,275.00	16,600.00	18,235.00
	Receipts	1,132.12	1,211.96	1,218.70	1,200.78	—
	Transfers	—	—	49.90	200.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	667.00
	Exp.	10,034.76	13,246.73	14,527.59	17,079.83	—
Recreation						
Recreation Commission ..	App.	6,175.00	4,775.00	5,030.00	5,000.00	5,346.00
	Bal. Jan 1	—	—	—	—	220.00
	Exp.	5,789.72	4,146.50	4,807.83	4,624.08	—
Park Department	App.	100.00	500.00	520.00	700.00	1,325.00
	Exp.	99.70	402.17	498.60	699.43	—
Survey of Weston						
Recreation	App.	—	1,225.00	300.00	—	—
	Exp.	—	1,172.29	—	—	—
Athletic Field						
Development	App.	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	983.77	—	—	—	—
Total for Recreation	App.	7,275.00	6,500.00	5,820.00	5,700.00	6,671.00
	Exp.	6,873.19	5,720.96	5,306.43	5,323.51	—

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recommendations for 1950 with Balances
Unclassified						
Memorial Day	App.	250.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	300.00
	Transfers	4.64	8.26	—	—	—
	Exp.	254.64	283.26	274.02	258.50	—
Town Reports	App.	1,554.00	1,644.92	1,850.00	1,850.00	1,850.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,553.93	1,644.92	1,825.29	1,792.75	—
Insurance, Fire and Boiler	App.	2,475.00	2,300.00	2,850.00	8,600.00	3,000.00
	Transfers	—	34.37	—	314.38	—
	Exp.	2,413.00	2,334.37	2,753.59	8,914.38	—
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	App.	900.00	1,500.00	1,100.00	1,500.00	1,600.00
	Exp.	730.00	931.86	1,089.80	1,430.86	—
Insurance Motor Vehicles	App.	1,050.00	1,650.00	1,550.00	1,800.00	1,900.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	244.78	—	—
	Exp.	921.60	1,065.77	1,460.60	1,506.39	—
Insurance, All Other	App.	800.00	500.00	200.00	275.00	75.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	240.81	—
	Exp.	756.04	20.24	3.50	515.81	—
Town Owned Houses	App.	—	—	—	1,500.00	750.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	989.53	—
Dwelling House Cutters Corner	App.	300.00	500.00	400.00	—	—
	Transfers	111.28	142.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	411.28	642.00	308.86	—	—
Veterans' Houses Maintenance	App.	—	—	1,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	734.31	—	—
Tax Possessions Maintenance†	App.	—	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,006.26	596.02	376.02	376.02	376.02
	Exp.	410.24	220.00	—	—	—
Contributory Retirement Fund, Administrative	App.	50.00	50.00	65.00	65.00	10.00
	Exp.	50.00	50.00	63.00	65.00	—
Contributory Retirement Fund	App.	5,177.00	4,760.00	3,974.00	4,069.20	6,280.00
	Exp.	5,177.00	4,760.00	3,974.00	4,069.20	—
Committee to Study Clas- sification of Personnel and Salaries	Bal. Jan. 1	500.00	—	—	—	—

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recommendations for 1950 with Balances
Unclassified (Con't.)						
Honor Roll	Bal. Jan. 1	167.05	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	9.49	—	—	—	—
Memorial Plaque	App.	—	—	—	2,300.00	—
Town Hall†	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	324.94
	Exp.	—	—	—	1,975.06	—
All other	App.	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	606.33	300.67	—	—
	Transfers	—	—	638.91	—	—
	Exp.	391.36	1,305.66	4,951.53	604.99	—
Town Bulletin	App.	800.00	800.00	900.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
	Exp.	605.39	764.34	787.33	970.01	—
Stabilization Fund	App.	10,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Trans. to Investment Funds	10,000.00	—	—	—	—
Director of Veterans' Services:						
Salary	App.	—	300.00	300.00	300.00	—
	Transfers	125.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	125.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	—
Expenses	App.	—	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
	Transfers	125.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	8.40	70.98	10.55	—	—
Razing No. Ave. School-house	App.	500.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	164.80	—	—	—	—
Committee to Investigate Veterans' Housing	App.	—	750.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	532.01	—	—
	Exp.	—	217.99	6.00	—	—
Veterans' Housing Board†	App.	—	—	1,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	763.87	283.97
	Exp.	—	—	236.13	479.90	—
Veterans' Housing Remodeling	App.	—	7,500.00	1,500.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	4,115.25	—	—
	Exp.	—	3,384.75	5,571.97	—	—
Total Unclassified	App.	24,856.00	23,629.92	21,164.00	24,634.20	17,965.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,673.31	1,272.35	5,568.73	1,139.89	984.93
	Transfers	365.92	184.63	638.91	555.19	—
	Exp.	14,149.22	18,296.14	24,350.48	23,872.38	—
	Trans. to Investment Funds	10,000.00	—	—	—	—

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recommendations for 1950 with Balances
Water Department						
(Except Bond Issues and Interest on Debt)						
Water Comm. Salaries						
Chairman	App.	—	—	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	100.00	100.00	—
2nd Member's Salary ...	App.	—	—	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	100.00	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary ...	App.	—	—	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	100.00	100.00	—
Salaries	App.	9,000.00	10,000.00	10,400.00	12,345.00	12,825.00
	Exp.	5,254.69	8,243.96	9,385.86	10,486.55	—
Expenses	App.	10,000.00	8,000.00	16,400.00	12,450.00	13,830.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	1,111.30
	Exp.	8,242.05	8,404.58	14,913.45	11,338.70	—
Equipment and Apparatus	App.	—	—	—	300.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	170.00	—
Engineering Survey, Advice and Appraisals with respect to Development of Water System	App.	—	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	3,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	3,000.00	—	—	—	—
TOTAL WATER (Except Bond Issue and Interest on Debt)						
	App.	19,000.00	18,000.00	27,100.00	25,395.00	26,955.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	3,000.00	—	—	—	1,111.30
	Transfers	615.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	16,496.74	16,643.54	24,599.31	22,295.25	—
Outlays of Water Dept. Financed by Bond Issues and Post-War Rehabilitation Fund						
Additional Water Mains .	App.	—	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	4,909.10	4,608.47	—	—	—
	Exp.	300.63	4,608.47	—	—	—
Water Standpipe and Mains†	App.	123,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	69,189.93	4,088.34	1,183.83	1,183.83
	Transfers	12,800.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	66,610.07	65,101.59	2,904.51	—	—
Blanket Extensions†	App.	—	25,000.00	—	6,201.63	—
	Receipts	—	—	2,989.31	8,041.85	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	25,000.00	8,798.37	12,971.82
	Exp.	—	—	19,190.94	10,070.03	—
Totals from Loans (and in 1946 from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund)	App.	123,000.00	25,000.00	—	6,201.63	—
	Receipts	—	—	2,989.31	8,041.85	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	4,909.10	73,798.40	29,088.34	9,982.27	—
	Transfers	12,800.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	66,910.70	69,710.06	22,095.45	10,070.03	—

Title of Accounts		1946	1947	1948	1949	Recom- mendations for 1950 with Balances
Cemeteries	App.	6,400.00	—	—		
	Receipts	1,354.01	—	—		
	Exp.	7,728.94	—	—		
Salaries	App.	—	6,600.00	7,330.00	7,885.00	7,615.00
	Receipts	—	1,178.10	883.07	848.42	—
	Exp.	—	7,778.10	8,263.07	8,294.97	—
Expenses	App.	—	1,225.00	525.00	525.00	1,225.00
	Receipts	—	280.79	521.29	848.42	—
	Exp.	—	1,455.95	1,054.03	1,255.20	—
Total Cemeteries	App.	6,400.00	7,825.00	7,905.00	8,410.00	8,840.00
	Receipts	1,354.01	1,458.89	1,404.36	1,696.84	—
	Exp.	7,723.94	9,234.05	9,187.45	9,550.17	—
Interest on Refunds	App.				—	10.00
	Transfers	—		—	10.00	—
	Exp.	—			9.62	—
Reserve Fund						
Trans. from Overlay						
Reserve		7,500.00	7,500.00	5,979.01	7,311.19	8,090.00
	App.	—	—	2,020.99	688.81	—

Note 1. Accounts indicated by † are continuing appropriations, the balance of which shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year. In cases where a balance is carried forward without this designation, the appropriation has been encumbered for the payment of liabilities incurred in the preceding year.

Note 2. The word "Receipts" as used above indicates sources of funds for expenditure which are available and need not be raised by taxation, such as: Surplus, Dog Tax Refund, and Income from Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds.

The word "Transfers" as used above indicates amounts made available by the Finance Committee from the Reserve Fund for unforeseen and necessary expenditures.

RECAPITULATION

	1946	1947	1948	1949	Recommendations for 1950 with Balances
Totals, except Bond Issues					
Appropriations Recommended*	—	—	—	—	\$529,115.00
Appropriations Voted at Annual and Special Town Meetings	406,824.00	469,414.92	764,719.30	592,177.15	—
Transfers	6,161.51	6,676.98	688.81	5,361.52	—
Receipts	4,486.13	2,670.85	24,718.70	77,650.66	—
Balances, Jan. 1	36,978.71	47,465.27	52,538.86	60,299.55	—
Total Available	454,435.55	525,978.02	838,987.55	735,488.88	—
Total Expenditures	387,261.18	470,590.67	753,144.25	642,554.31	—
Outlays Financed, or to be Financed, by Bond Issues (and in 1946 from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund)					
Appropriations	617,000.00	25,000.00	400,000.00	—	—
Transfer from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	12,800.00	—	—	—	—
Other Transfers	—	—	—	1,906.88	—
Balance, Jan. 1	4,909.10	567,798.40	523,088.34	735,030.86	178,684.62
Total Available	634,709.10	592,798.40	923,088.34	736,937.74	—
Outlays	66,910.70	69,710.06	188,057.48	558,253.12	—

* Recommendations for 1950 do not include interest charges on debt which are listed under "Other Payments Required by Law." "Interest on debt" is included in "Appropriations Voted" for 1946-1949.

OTHER PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Maturing Debt:					
Water Bonds	\$15,000.00	23,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00
School Bonds	12,000.00	11,000.00	10,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00
Total Maturing Debt ..	\$27,000.00	34,000.00	37,000.00	97,000.00	97,000.00
Interest on Debt:					
Water Debt	2,240.00	2,505.00	2,177.50	1,812.50	1,517.50
School Debt	1,945.00	1,530.00	1,225.00	13,520.00	16,932.50
Total Interest	4,185.00	4,035.00	3,402.50	23,332.50	18,500.00
State Charges:					
State Tax	9,100.00	9,100.00	—	—	—
Metropolitan Reservations	—	—	—	—	7,316.56
Metropolitan Parks, Maintenance	2,295.26	2,480.58	2,755.57	5,044.44	—
Charles River Basin, Maintenance	1,074.67	1,094.70	1,328.80	977.41	—
Metropolitan Parks and Charles River Basin Interest Sinking Funds, and Bonds	74.69	—	—	—	—
Auditing Municipal Accounts	—	997.63	935.87	11.82	1,300.19
Nantasket Maintenance	345.48	365.71	360.47	192.66	—
Boulevard	—	50.90	42.78	40.44	—
Total State Charges ..	\$12,890.10	13,091.89	5,473.49	6,266.77	8,616.75
County Charges:					
Middlesex County Tax	\$18,160.62	18,894.89	21,193.20	26,288.98	30,232.33
Middlesex County T.B. Hospital	2,002.28	2,930.76	3,065.57	4,153.61	4,776.65
Total County Charges ..	\$20,162.90	21,825.65	\$24,258.77	30,442.59	35,008.98
Total Other Payments ..	64,238.00	73,092.54	70,134.76	154,041.86	159,125.75

AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Total Expenditures and Other Payments (exclusive of outlays financed by Bond Issues)	447,314.18	540,349.41	819,876.51	776,175.84	—
Total Outlays Financed by Bond Issues (and in 1946 by transfer from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund)	66,910.70	69,710.06	188,057.48	558,340.95	—
Totals	\$508,507.47	610,059.47	1,007,933.99	—	—

* The amounts previously designated as Metropolitan Parks, Charles River Basin and Nantasket, Maintenance and State Boulevards have been combined in 1950 by Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Following the annual Town Meeting in 1949, the Moderator appointed Donald J. Hurley to the Finance Committee for a term of three years and reappointed G. Kennard Wakefield and Stanley G. French for terms of three years each. To fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Howard Gambrill, Jr., the Finance Committee and the Town Clerk, in accordance with the by-laws of the Town, elected Dwight Foster for the unexpired term—until March 1950.

The wisdom of the decision made last year on the recommendation of the Selectmen and Finance Committee to create the position of Town Accountant and Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen has been amply demonstrated by the increased efficiency in the operation of Town government. The Finance Committee wishes particularly to acknowledge its indebtedness to Mr. J. Ward Carter who has attended all meetings, acting as Secretary.

The budget figures for 1950 total \$520,115.00 not including \$58,100.00 voted at the Special Town Meeting, January 5, 1950. This compares with \$565,575.52 actually voted for 1949. This year the appropriation for the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$8,000. is being made solely from Overlay Reserve which totalled \$9,032.53 at December 31, 1949. The Finance Committee recommends the adoption by the Town of the budget as proposed by the Selectmen.

Following this report appears the table reflecting the school salary costs and certain other data concerning school operations for the years 1935, 1940 and 1945-1949 as well as the proposed appropriation for salaries 1950. The charts which appeared in its report a year ago are included in the School Committee report for this year.

The problem of school plant facilities, in common with all the financial problems of the town, is dependent upon the rate of growth of the town. The Finance Committee believes that constant and continuing study of this problem is a fundamental need in order that the financial burdens incident to increased population may be foreseen and solved intelligently. The Town should avoid, on the one hand, improvident expenditures of funds prematurely undertaken in advance of demonstrated need and, on the other hand, the refusal to recognize a need until too late.

The Finance Committee is satisfied that there is no immediate need of new school construction. It is in accord with the School Committee's proposal for changes in the Case House, involving an aggregate cost of \$50,000. to be undertaken in three steps, the first two of which should probably be done together. It does not believe the time is ripe for a decision as to whether, when, or how to modernize either

the Grammar or Primary School buildings as there is presently available enough room safely and adequately to house the elementary school population without incurring any substantial expense. It agrees with the Selectmen and the School Committee that if the present predictions as to school population prove to be accurate no major construction will be required before 1955.

The Finance Committee recognizes its responsibility to work closely with the School Committee on matters of capital expenditures for school construction so that such expenditures may be coordinated with the balanced development of the other facilities of the town within the limits of the town's capacity to pay.

Articles requiring special appropriations not included in the budget table, together with recommendations of the Finance Committee thereon, are as follows:

Article 3—

The Finance Committee believes that the question of the Elementary School cafeteria should be resolved on a temporary basis. The future development of the school plant is so clouded with uncertainty that it does not seem prudent to incur the expense of a permanent cafeteria which might not fit satisfactorily into long-range plans. The School Committee's proposal to spend \$8500. for a temporary cafeteria appears to the Finance Committee to be a reasonable solution to the problem, particularly in view of the fact that more than two-thirds of that total would be spent for equipment which would be usable in an eventual permanent cafeteria.

Article 11—

The Finance Committee recommends adoption of Article 11, which provides for an appropriation of \$25,000. for water main extensions. It should be noted that a large part of this appropriation will be returned to the Town treasury through payments by applicants for water main extensions. The applicant is required to assume a definite portion of the cost of the extension, which is determined under the rules of the Board of Water Commissioners.

Article 14—

The Finance Committee recommends adoption of Article 14, which authorizes the acquisition of a parcel of land for the purpose of a town garage and other activities incident thereto.

Article 15—

The Finance Committee recommends adoption of Article 15 which authorizes the acquisition of several parcels of land for the purpose of a public parking space.

Analysis (1) Salary Costs for Administration, High School Teachers, Elementary School Teachers and Janitors
 (2) Average Membership, Number of Teachers, Pupils per Teacher, in the High and Elementary Schools
 Sources — Town Reports, Superintendent of Schools, Recommended Appropriation 1950.

	1935	1940	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Administrative Salaries								
Superintendent	\$ 462	\$ 4,040	\$ 4,420	\$ 4,933	\$ 5,628	\$ 6,667	\$ 7,083	\$ 7,333
High School Principal	3,246	—	1,267	3,900	4,766	4,933	5,267	5,467
Elementary School Principal	—	2,020	2,530	2,587	3,466	3,980	4,333	4,700
Secretarial	369	1,023	1,670	3,363	3,501	4,144	5,034	5,450
Total Administration	\$3,708	\$ 7,083	\$ 9,824	\$14,783	\$17,361	\$19,724	\$21,717	\$22,950
High School Teachers' Salaries								
Average Membership High School Plus 7 & 8*	\$30,907	\$31,440	\$38,220	\$45,743	\$54,490	\$62,476	\$69,565	\$76,430
Number of Teachers	273	277	291	292	299	286	275	284**
Pupils per Teacher	16	18	16	19	19	19	19	20
	17	15	18	15	16	15	14	14
Elementary Teachers' Salaries								
Average Membership K-6*	\$15,882	\$21,348	\$28,818	\$33,296	\$47,305	\$54,370	\$64,025	\$73,767
Number of Teachers	326	343	359	358	409	408	464	510**
Pupils per Teacher	10	15	17	18	19	20	20	22
	33	23	21	20	22	20	23	23
Janitor's Salaries	\$ 3,519	\$ 4,002	\$ 5,351	\$ 6,353	\$ 8,391	\$ 9,934	\$ 11,144	\$ 14,500
Average Membership Total	599	620	650	650	708	694	739	794
TOTAL SALARIES	\$54,016	\$64,192	\$82,213	\$100,175	\$127,547	\$146,504	\$166,451	\$188,397

The distribution of salaries and teachers into the above groups is the best immediately obtainable and should be sufficiently accurate for comparative purposes. *Average membership figures are for the school year 1934-35, etc. Financial figures are for the calendar year 1935, etc. **October 1, 1949.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

1949

Reconciliation of Cash as of Dec. 31, 1949

A=B

Bank balances: checking accounts.			
Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.	\$25,000.00		
The Second National Bank of Boston	25,000.00		
Day Trust Co.	200,000.00		
Newton-Waltham Bank and Trust Co.			
Weston Office	118,579.77		
Weston Office, Merriam Fund	443.26	369,023.03	
Savings Banks:			
East Cambridge Savings Bank	8,658.97		
Waltham Savings Bank	210.09		
Consolidated Trust Funds Income			
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	1,904.90		
East Cambridge Savings Bank	1,662.23	12,436.19	
Cash on hand at Town Hall			95.00
Cash on hand in Treasurer's Safe			20.00
A. Cash balance, per Treasurer's account			381,574.22
Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1949	895,257.81		
Cash receipts	883,678.61	1,778,936.42	
Total disbursements		1,397,362.20	
B. Cash balance, per General Ledger			381,574.22

Analysis of Receipts for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1949

Taxes:

Polls, Personal, Real Estate

Levy of 1948	10,578.81		
Levy of 1949	491,520.89	502,099.70	

Motor Vehicle Excises

Levy of 1948	1,467.35		
Levy of 1949	43,059	44,526.35	546,626.05

In lieu of taxes:

City of Cambridge, Waterworks		192.50	
Met. Dist. Comm., Water Div.			
Ash St. reservoir		958.70	
Norumbega reservoir		2,397.64	3,548.84

Tax Title No. 78, assigned: Net taxes

63.50

Tax Title No. 79, assigned: Net taxes

86.26

149.76

State and County:

State Income Tax	65,077.04		
State Corporation Tax	61,832.42		
State Meal Tax	511.54		
State Co-operative Ploughing	96.00		
State Vocational Training	621.31		
State School Lunch Program	1,325.71		
State Chap. 90 re-imbursement	9,188.97		
State Veterans' Services	274.25		
State Dep't of Education	11,707.80	150,635.04	
County Dog Tax	1,200.78		
County Chap. 90 re-imbursement	4,842.78	6,043.56	156,678.60

Charities:

Old Age Assistance			
Comm. of Mass.	7,893.22		
Federal Grant	10,030.26	17,923.48	
Aid to Dependent Children			
Federal Grant		57.00	
Temporary Aid			
Comm. of Mass.		2,208.75	20,189.23

Amount carried forward

727,192.48

Amount brought forward			727,192.48
Water Department:			
Rates:	1948	34.51	
	1949	37,293.05	37,327.56
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Misc.:	1948	1,864.17	
	1949	11,628.55	13,492.72
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Licenses, Permits, and Fees:			
Board of Health			
Licenses		40.00	
Plumbing fees		225.00	
Septic tank & cesspool permits		73.00	338.00
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Town Clerk			
Dog license fees		133.45	
Hunting & Fishing fees		61.50	
Marriage intentions		82.00	
Recording fees		334.00	610.95
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Building Inspector			
Wire permits		366.00	
Building permits		191.50	557.50
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Sealer of Weights and Measures			26.83
Selectmen:			
Pistol permits		23.00	
Taxi permits		7.00	
Licenses		10.00	40.00
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Planning Board			
Hearing fees			70.00
Board of Appeals			
Hearing fees			30.00
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Amounts carried forward		1,673.28	778,012.76

Amounts brought forward	1,673.28	778,012.76
Fines		
District Court	90.00	1,763.28
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Departments:		
Highway:		
Sale of asphalt plant	1,000.00	
Sale of Kellogg air compressor	225.00	
Sale of old iron	28.00	1,253.00
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Police:		
Allowance on 1947 Mercury		
4-door sedan	1,221.00	
Sale of gasoline	3.00	
Telephone tolls	.30	1,224.30
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Fire:		
Sale of tires	64.00	
Telephone tolls	3.70	
Allowance on 1942 Mercury	942.60	1,010.30
4-door sedan		
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Schools:		
Tuition	6,027.50	
Lunch Room	5,800.98	
Rent	145.50	
Misc.	310.54	
Petty cash	25.00	12,309.52
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Library:		
Books	7.58	
Fines	550.55	558.13
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Cemetery:		
Sale of Lots	425.00	
Care of Lots	209.50	
Interments	852.00	
Foundations	245.00	
Grave Liners	286.00	
Misc.	15.95	2,033.45
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Amounts carried forward	18,388.70	779,776.04

Amounts brought forward		18,388.70	779,776.04
Board of Public Welfare:			
Re-imbusement from Cities & Towns	850.81		
Petty cash	25.00	875.81	
Board of Health:			
Dental Collections	95.00		
Dog Clinic	93.00		
Sale of vaccine	9.00	197.00	
Recreation Commission:			
Sale of craft materials		22.48	
Selectmen:			
Rental of Town Property			
Town Hall	780.50		
Cutter's Corner			
House	480.00		
Barn	6.25		
626 B. Post Rd.	420.00		
31 Warren Ave.	455.00		
66 Warren Ave.	420.00		
68 Warren Ave.	420.00	2,981.75	
Sale of adding machine	60.00		
Sale of batteries	2.00		
Use of addressograph	42.00		
Sale of hay, Town land 1948	15.00		
1949	15.00		
Petty cash, Town Hall office	50.00	3,165.75	
Town Clerk:			
Sale of Maps	43.65		
Sale of Town Reports	8.50		
Sale of Poll Lists	9.00		
Valuation List	.25		
Certified copies, births, deaths and marriages	67.00		
Indentification cards	4.25		
Replacement dog tags	3.20	135.85	
Amounts carried forward		22,785.59	779,776.04

Amounts brought forward	22,785.59	779,776.04
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Treasurer & Collector:

Tax costs	215.05		
Tax Title costs	39.18		
Tax Certificates	110.40		
Re-imbursement for postage for Board of Public Welfare	12.87	377.50	23,163.09

Interest:

Burial Grounds, Sale of Lots fund	137.00		
Burial Grounds, Alpheus Cutter Monument fund	7.17		
E. B. Field Recreation Fund	7.03		
Town Hall Fund	155.86		
Consolidated Trust Funds	5,343.26		
World War Trust Fund	91.64		
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	65.06		
Stabilization Fund	176.70		
General Cash	1,113.33		
Deferred taxes & Motor Vehicle Excises	344.99		
Interest in Tax titles	4.56		7,446.60

Agency:

Town Clerk:			
Dog Licenses	1,633.80		

Town Treasurer:

Interest on Water Consumers' Guarantee deposits	157.09		
Water Dep't: Contract Extension funds	9,975.00		
Withholding taxes	23,650.60		
Retirement deductions	6,806.31	40,589.00	42,222.80

Amount carried forward		852,608.53
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Amount brought forward	852,608.53
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Trust:

Burial Grounds, Perpetual Care	1,983.00	
Bequests to Cemetery Dep't		
Elizabeth E. Irving		
Decoration Fund	500.00	
Laura S. McAuliffe,		
Monument fund	500.00	
Decoration fund	300.00	1,300.00

Consolidated Trust Funds:

Withdrawals from Savings		
Banks for purchase of		
Atlantic Coast Line R.R. bonds	10,250.00	
World War Trust Fund Income		
Withdrawal from Bank for expenses	84.03	13,617.03

Municipal Indebtedness:

"Weston Water Loan No. 14,1947"

Registered notes, dated Oct. 1, '49,		
due 1950-52 .75% @ 100.05		
Day Trust Co. Par value	15,000.00	
Premium	7.50	15,007.50

Insurance:

Allowance for travel time on		
reconstruction of High School		1,873.13

Refunds:

Water Loan No. 14, accrued interest	22.19	
O. A. A.	166.25	
D. A.	4.00	
Insurance	265.14	
Veterans' Housing	100.50	
Recreation Comm.	11.33	
Collector	1.00	
Police Dep't	2.00	572.41

Total receipts	883,678.61
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Analysis of Expenditures for year ending Dec. 31, 1949

General Expense:

Treasury Warrants	1,396,569.65
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Cemeteries:

Interest on deposits in Savings

Banks added to principal

Sale of Lots Fund	137.00	
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Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	7.17	144.17
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Agency:

Water Consumers' Guarantee Funds

Interest added to Funds	157.09
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Investment:

Interest on deposits in Savings

Banks added to principal

Town Hall Fund	155.86	
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E. B. Field Recreation Fund	7.03	162.89
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Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Waltham Savings Bank interest added to fund	60.06
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Stabilization Fund

Interest added to Fund	176.70
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Trust:

World War Trust Fund

Interest added to fund	91.64
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Total disbursements	<hr/> 1,397,362.20
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Town Appropriations:

To be raised by taxation, G. L. Chap. 41, Sec. 15A	\$592,913.00
Appropriations voted to be taken from available funds	126,030.04
	<hr/> \$718,943.04
Maturing Debt	97,000.00
Deficits due to abatements after overlay had been transferred to Reserve Fund	
1946—\$367.50	
1947— 195.48	562.98

State Assessments:

Charles River Basin	1,569.60
Metropolitan Parks Reservations	3,444.51
Nantasket Beach Maintenance	340.29
Boulevards	40.44
Underestimates State Assessments, 1948	863.44

Middlesex County Tax and Assessments:

County Tax	23,682.38
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	3,369.03
Underestimates County Assessments, 1948	1,492.45
Overlays	<hr/> 9,255.99

Gross amount to be raised

\$860,564.15

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

State Income Tax	\$19,838.00	
Personal Income Tax, Acts 1948	29,543.68	
Corporation Taxes	25,480.00	
Business Corporation Tax, Acts 1948		
Chap. 198	5,701.50	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	563.60	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	30,000.00	
Licenses	1,600.00	
Fines	25.00	
Grants and Gifts	11,000.00	
General Government	1,200.00	
Health and Sanitation	175.00	
Charities (other than federal grants to dependent children)	2,200.00	
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	8,500.00	
Schools	15,500.00	
Libraries	600.00	
Water Department	45,000.00	
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	1,200.00	
Rental of town property	1,800.00	
Interest on taxes and deposits	600.00	
In lieu of taxes	3,500.00	
Premium on School and Water bonds	12,334.97	
Additional amount approved by the Commissioner under letter 2/18/49	10,374.00	
Total Estimated Receipts	\$226,735.75	
Amount taken from Overlay Reserve by vote of Town with approval of Com- missioner, G. L. Chap. 59, Sec. 23	126,030.04	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$352,765.79	
Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$507,798.36	
Local Tax Levy:		
1542 polls at \$2.00 each	\$3,084.00	
Personal Property, \$1,055,790.00 at \$38.50	40,647.92	
Real Estate, \$12,053,650.00 at \$38.50	464,065.53	
Gain on account of fractional divisions of tax rate	.91	
	\$507,798.36	

Assessed Value of Personal Estate:

Stock in trade	\$21,210.00
Machinery	32,650.00
Live Stock	46,665.00
All other Tangible Personal Property	955,265.00
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	\$1,055,790.00

Assessed Value of Real Estate:

Land exclusive of Buildings	\$3,218,775.00
Buildings exclusive of Land	8,834,875.00
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	\$12,053,650.00

Total Assessed Valuation	<hr/> <hr/>
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Tax Rate \$38.50 per \$1,000.

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rate \$41.32 per \$1,000.

Persons assessed on Real Estate only	1004
Persons assessed on Personal Estate only	462
Persons assessed on both Personal and Real Estate	187

Table of Aggregates

	Number Assessed
Acres of land	8,709.33
Dwelling houses	1,149
Horses	100
Cows	216
Bulls	9
Heifers	16
Swine	595
Fowl	3,876
All others	5

EXEMPTED PROPERTY**Parks and Water Works**

Metropolitan District Commission	\$181,000.00
Metropolitan Water Board	87,177.64
City of Cambridge	5,000.00

Literary (Educational Institutions)

Boston University	181,732.00
Cambridge School, Inc.	155,000.00
Harvard College, President and Fellows of	121,650.00
Meadowbrook School of Weston, Inc.	70,000.00
Newton Local Council of Girl Scouts	11,400.00
Sisters of St. Joseph (Regis College)	3,112,150.00
Weston College	1,350,000.00
Weston Scouts, Inc.	9,000.00

Houses of Religious Worship and Parsonages

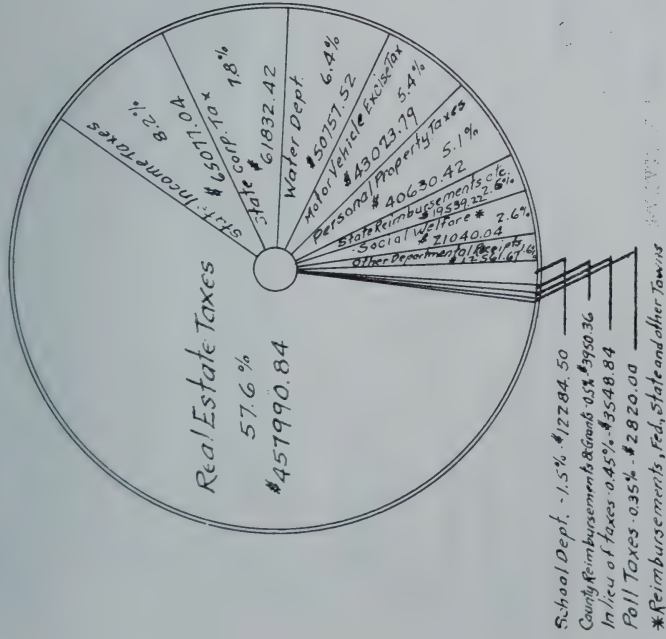
First Baptist Church	41,000.00
The First Parish in Weston	107,000.00
Methodist Episcopal Church	12,000.00
St. Julia's R. C. Church	32,000.00
St. Peter's Episcopal Church	36,500.00

* Town-owned Property

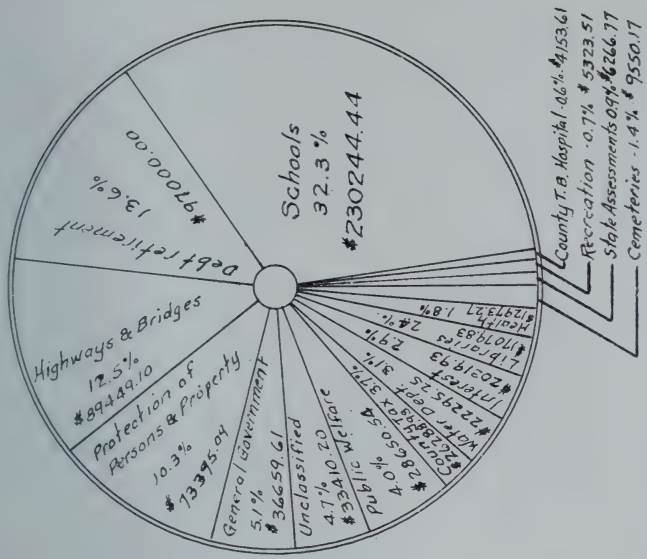
	Value of land	Buildings & contents	Dept. Total
Town House and Common	\$10,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$140,000.00
School Department			
New High School	20,000.00	800,000.00	
Case House		15,000.00	
Elementary School	15,000.00	250,000.00	
Grammar School		90,000.00	
Primary School		36,500.00	1,226,500.00
Cemeteries	30,000.00	5,000.00	35,000.00
Library	2,500.00	85,000.00	87,500.00
Swimming Pool Locker Building		5,000.00	5,000.00
Fire Department			
Boston Post Rd.	\$1,500.00	40,000.00	
Kendal Green Station	500.00	4,000.00	
Equipment		35,000.00	81,000.00
Highway Department			
Golden Ball Road	500.00	1,000.00	
Storage shed and office K. G.		5,000.00	
Equipment		17,000.00	23,500.00
Police Department—Equipment		5,000.00	5,000.00
Water Department			
Warren Avenue Pumping			
Station	4,000.00	13,000.00	
Two family dwelling		6,000.00	
Superintendent's house	500.00	5,000.00	
Kendal Green Pumping Station	5,000.00	7,500.00	
Nickerson Field Pumping			
Station	5,000.00	10,000.00	
Standpipes, Cat Rock and			
Doublet Hill	2,000.00	100,000.00	
Water mains		305,000.00	463,000.00
Glen Road Property	4,000.00		4,000.00
Three lots near Kendal Green			
R. R. Station	1,500.00		1,500.00
Cutter Corner House	1,000.00	6,500.00	7,500.00
Stanley House—Warren Avenue	500.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
Case lot—Wellesley & School Sts.	2,000.00		2,000.00
	<u>\$105,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,979,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,085,000.00</u>

* Approximate Values as of December 31, 1949.

SOURCES OF REVENUE 1949



DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES - 1949



BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1949

General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash:			
In banks and on hand			\$381,574.22
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1949	\$446.61		
Personal Property	12,479.62	\$12,926.23	
Real Estate			
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:			
Levy of 1949		1,096.57	
Tax Possessions		3,347.55	
Departmental:			
Town Property Rentals	291.50		
Public Welfare	689.60		
Cemetery	6.00	987.10	
Aid to Highways:			
State	6,784.32		
County	3,143.88	9,928.20	
Water		609.73	28,895.38

ASSETS (Continued)

Underestimates of State and County Charges:

Audit of Municipal Accounts (1947)

Metropolitan Parks

County Tax

County Hospital Assessment

11.82
1,599.93
2,606.60
784.58

5,002.93

Loans Authorized:

Veterans Housing

100,000.00

Improvement and Development of

Cemetery Land from Sale of Lots Fund

5,000.00

Trust Fund Expenditures—Income to be Withdrawn:

Library Funds Group B

51.20

Total Assets

520,523.73

53

LIABILITIES

Agency:

Proceeds of Dog Licenses—Due County

36.80

Water Main Extensions—Subscribers deposits

10,225.00

Fire Loss Recovery Fund

2,038.14

Sale of Real Estate Fund

542.00

LIABILITIES (Continued)

Trust Funds Income		
Library Funds		
Group A	13.71	
Group C	52.15	
Group D	.62	
Group E	175.89	
Group F	5.86	
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	606.64	
H. S. Sears Miscellaneous Funds	2,079.48	
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	125.06	
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	211.51	
Agnes P. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	18.42	
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	3.91	
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	6.83	
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	4.68	
Laura S. McAuliffe Cemetery Fund	2.89	
		3,307.65
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Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance:	329.72	
Administration	1,065.84	
Cash benefits		1,395.56
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Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration	45.63	
Cash benefits	203.67	
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		1,644.86

Overestimates of State Charges		
Charles River Basin	592.19	
Nantasket Beach	147.63	739.82
Loans Authorized and Unissued		100,000.00
Improvement and Development of Cemetery		
Land Authorized from Sale of Lots Fund		5,000.00
Premium, Water Loan No. 14, 1947		7.50
Appropriation Balances Carried Forward to 1950		231,430.29
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes		
Levy of 1949		5,233.94
Revenue Reserved Until Collected		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	1,096.57	
Tax Possession	3,347.55	
Departmental	987.10	
Aid to Highways	9,928.20	
Water	609.73	15,969.15
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		9,032.53
Surplus		135,316.05
Total Liabilities		520,523.73

Revenue — 1949

Revenue Raised:

Poll Taxes	3,106.00
Personal Property Taxes	40,686.69
Real Estate Taxes	464,066.17
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	507,858.86

Statement of Changes in Surplus During 1949

Balance as of January 1, 1949 99,327.74

Add:

Audit Adjustments .85

Redemption of Tax Titles of prior years 141.97

Outstanding checks no longer obligations of Town (Tailings) 59.88

Reimbursement from State and County for Chapter 90 disbursement 6,279.56

Estimated Receipts:

Amount used by assessors in fixing tax rate 226,735.75

Amount in excess of assessors' estimate actually received 55,551.29

Premium on School and Water Loans 1947-48 12,334.97

Water Department Agency deposits transferred to Town upon completion of main extensions 6,506.68

25,324.91

124,651.65

56

Less:

Appropriations unexpended and returned to treasury,

December 31, 1949

30,307.71

Appropriations from available funds:

School Restoration

Committee 43,400.00

Audit Adjustment

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Revenue committed to expenditure:			
Appropriations	600,613.00		
Maturing Debt	97,000.00		
State Assessments	6,258.28		
County Assessments	28,543.86		
Overlay deficits, 1946, 1947	562.98		
Overlay, 1949	9,255.99		
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	742,234.11		
Refund to Second District Court of East Middlesex—fines improperly paid to Town of Weston in 1948		75.00	
Tax title taken on 1948 taxes due Town of Weston		38.13	67,555.10
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Revenue transferred to surplus December 31, 1949	78,219.50		57,096.55
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Add: Revenue of 1949 transferred as of December 31			78,219.50
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Balance as of December 31, 1949			135,316.05
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Revenue transferred to surplus	December 31, 1949	78,219.50
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DEBT ACCOUNTS		
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	990,000.00	School Loan, 1931 20,000.00
		School Loan, 1948 834,000.00 854,000.00
		Water Loan, 1921 6,000.00
		Water Loan, 1931 4,000.00
		Water Loan, 1941 10,000.00
		Water Loan, 1944 8,000.00
		Water Loan, 1946 93,000.00
		Water Loan, 1947 15,000.00 136,000.00
	990,000.00	990,000.00

Statement of Trust and Investment Funds as of December 31, 1949

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash on deposit	118,621.88	Trust Funds:	
U.S. Government Bonds-Par	80,200.00	Consolidated:	
Other Bonds-Par	28,212.50	Library Funds	68,271.35
Other Securities at cost	7,175.01	Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	7,896.72
Unamortized Premium and		H. S. Sears Miscellaneous Funds	
Cost-Other Bonds	484.77	Town Common Fund	11,327.30
		Teachers Home Fund	10,969.68
		Trees and Shrubs Fund	5,472.72
		Athletic Field Fund	5,472.72
		School Prize Fund	3,256.27
		Scholarship Fund	15,351.01 51,849.70

E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	500.50	
Agnes P. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	1,000.00	
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	200.00	
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	200.21	
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	500.00	
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	500.00	
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	300.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	62,003.82	
Consolidated Trust Funds Surplus		
from Sale of Securities	406.25	193,628.55
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H. S. Sears Town Hall Fund	7,911.25	
Edward B. Field Recreation Fund	357.43	
Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	343.66	
World War Trust Fund	4,080.81	206,321.70
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Investment Funds:		
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	7,198.34	
Water Main Extensions Guarantee Deposits Fund	7,483.57	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	3,075.11	
Stabilization Fund	10,615.44	28,372.46
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		234,694.16
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		234,694.16
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Statement of Departmental Expenditures for the year January 1 to December 31, 1949

I General Government

Selectmen—Salaries

Chairman

2nd Member

3rd Member

Selectmen—Expenses

Finance Committee

Town Accountant and Executive Secretary

Salary

Expenses

Treasurer and Collector

Salary

Expenses

Assessors—Salaries

Chairman

2nd Member

3rd Member

Assessors—Expenses

Town Clerk

Salary

Expenses

	Appropriations 1949 and Balances Jan. 1, 1949	Transfers From Reserve Fund	Expended During 1949	Balance Carried Forward To 1950	Transferred To Revenue 1949
	200.00		200.00		
	100.00		100.00		
	100.00		100.00		
	300.00		218.23		81.77
	50.00		10.00		40.00
	4,275.00		3,712.50		562.50
	225.00		215.28		9.72
	3,150.00		3,150.00		
	1,900.00		1,743.97	15.00	141.03
	750.00		750.00		
	100.00		100.00		
	100.00		100.00		
	1,060.00		756.57		303.43
	150.00		150.00		
	250.00		248.12		1.88

Clerk of Committees	6,000.00	94.00	6,094.00	
Law	3,000.00		2,990.59	9.41
Election and Registration	750.00		518.99	231.01
Town Hall	14,000.00			
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	4,746.72		15,501.36	3,245.36
Committee to Report on Standing Votes, By-Laws and Regulations	500.00			500.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1949		94.00	36,659.61	3,760.36
	41,706.72			1,380.75

II Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department—				
Salaries	22,400.00		21,750.00	650.00
Expenses	3,000.00		2,771.78	228.22
Equipment and Apparatus	2,500.00			
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	5.25		2,466.76	38.49
Purchase of Land	2,000.00			2,000.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1949				
Fire Department—				
Salaries	21,800.00		21,378.75	421.25
Expenses	2,500.00	1,115.95	3,615.53	.42
Equipment and Apparatus	2,100.00			
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	5.59		1,563.95	541.62
Fog Fire Truck and Equipment	5,500.00		5,498.23	1.77
Hydrant Service	7,980.00			
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	500.00		6,500.00	1,980.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Moth Extermination
Tree Warden
Building Inspector

25.00	18.96	6.04
3,000.00	2,830.67	169.33
4,500.00	4,484.95	15.05
650.00	515.51	71.39
78,465.82	73,395.09	3,543.47
1,115.95	2,643.21	

III Health and Sanitation

Board of Health—Salaries

Chairman

2nd Member

3rd Member

Expenses

50.00	50.00	
25.00	25.00	
25.00	25.00	
3,500.00	2,883.22	284.28
	332.50	

Cooperating Boards of Health
Inspection of School Children
School Nurse
Mosquito Control

2,300.00	2,254.66	45.34
900.00	900.00	
1,890.00	1,835.39	54.61
5,000.00	5,000.00	
13,690.00	12,973.27	384.23
	332.50	

IV Highways and Bridges

Highway Department—

Salaries

Expenses

Equipment

31,000.00	29,094.76	1,905.24
26,000.00	27,166.31	313.19
1,200.00		
154.52		
	1,479.50	

Balance Jan. 1, 1949 711.90 642.62

Chapter 90 Maintenance	500.00			10.34
	1,000.00		1,489.66	
Chapter 90 Construction	5,000.00			
	8,432.19			
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	15,000.00		14,074.80	14,357.39
Voted from Surplus	3,000.00			
Land Takings	5,000.00		4,450.00	3,550.00
Street Lights	11,300.00		11,300.00	
Public Dump	1,400.00		1,161.67	238.33
	108,986.71	1,479.50	89,449.10	18,550.01
				2,467.10

V a. Public Welfare—Appropriations

Board of Public Welfare—Salaries				
Chairman	50.00		50.00	
2nd Member	50.00		50.00	
3rd Member	50.00		50.00	
Dependent Aid—Administration	850.00		625.00	225.00
Assistance	6,000.00		5,417.85	582.15
Old Age Assistance—Administration	1,300.00		1,032.43	267.57
Assistance	13,000.00		12,028.73	971.27
Aid to Dependent Children—Administration	50.00			50.00
Soldiers Benefits	500.00		129.50	370.50
	21,850.00	None	19,383.51	None
				2,466.49

b. Public Welfare—Federal Grant

Old Age Assistance— Administration

Balance Jan. 1, 1949	345.80			
Grants received	998.58	1,014.66	329.72	

Assistance

Balance Jan. 1, 1949	108.03			
Grants received	9,031.68	8,073.87	1,065.84	

Aid to Dependent Children— Administration

Balance Jan. 1, 1949	45.63		45.63	
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Aid

Balance Jan. 1, 1949	325.17			
Grants received	57.00	178.50	203.67	

VI Schools

Schools—

Salaries

	172,477.00	166,646.84	5,830.16
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Maintenance Repairs and Other Expenses

	37,243.01	37,228.69	14.32
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Transportation

	17,500.00	17,399.85	100.15
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Vocational Education

	1,200.00	1,087.48	112.52
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Out-of-State Travel

	300.00	299.30	.70
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Association Membership Dues

	90.00	90.00	
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Lunchroom—

Salaries

	4,500.00	1,200.00	3,300.00
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Expenses

	12,000.00	5,927.03	6,072.97
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Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance

	550.00		365.25	184.75
	245,860.01	None	230,244.44	15,615.57
School Building Committee	Balance Jan. 1, 1949			
School Restoration Committee	Balance Jan. 1, 1949		573,270.91	178,684.62
	Voted from Surplus		47,356.88	8,858.53
	808,170.95	None	620,627.80	187,543.15
				None

VII Library

Library—

Salaries	10,300.00	200.00	10,499.91	.09
Expenses	2,900.00		2,870.25	29.75
Books and Periodicals	1,800.00		1,799.45	.55
Maintenance and Repair	2,300.78*		1,416.70	217.08
Equipment	500.00		493.52	6.48
	17,800.78	200.00	17,079.83	253.95

*Includes \$1,200.78 transferred from Dog tax Refund

VIII Recreation

Recreation Commission	5,000.00		4,624.08	155.92
Park Department	700.00		699.43	.57
	5,700.00	None	5,323.51	156.49

IX Unclassified

Memorial Day	275.00	258.50	16.50
Town Reports	1,850.00	1,792.75	57.25
Planning Board	11,000.00	9,537.82	1,462.18
Insurance—Fire and Boiler	8,600.00	8,914.38	
Workmen's Compensation	1,500.00	1,430.86	69.14
Motor Vehicles	1,800.00	1,506.39	293.61
All Other	275.00	515.81	
Town Owned Houses	1,500.00	989.53	510.47
Town Bulletin	1,000.00	970.01	29.99
Tax Possessions Maintenance	376.02		376.02
Contributory Retirement Fund Administration	65.00	65.00	
Contributory Retirement Fund	4,069.20	4,069.20	
Unclassified—All Other	1,000.00	604.99	395.01
Director of Veterans Services—Salary	300.00	300.00	
Expenses	100.00		100.00
Veterans' Housing Board	763.87	479.90	283.97
Balance Jan. 1, 1949		1,975.06	324.94
Memorial Plaque—Upper Town Hall	2,300.00		
	36,774.09	555.19	2,447.11
			1,471.97

X Water Department

Board of Water Commissioners—Salaries	
Chairman	100.00
2nd Member	100.00
3rd Member	100.00

Water Department—				
Salaries	12,345.00	10,486.55		1,858.45
Expenses	12,450.00	11,338.70	1,111.30	
Equipment and Apparatus	300.00	170.00		130.00
	25,395.00	None	1,111.30	1,988.45

Water Department—Blanket Extensions and Construction
(Financed by Bond Issues and Water Main
Extension Guarantee Deposits)
Voted from surplus—Article 8 Town Meeting 3/15/48 8,041.85
Appropriated from revenue—Special
Town Meeting 5/23/48 6,201.63
Loan Authorized Article 12 Town Meeting 3/3/47
Balance issued 15,000.00

	29,243.48	16,271.66	12,971.82	
Water Standpipe and Mains—Loan of 1946				
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	1,183.83		1,183.83	
	30,427.31	None	14,155.65	None

XI Cemeteries

Cemetery—

Salaries

Income Perpetual Care Fund

Expenses

Income Perpetual Care Fund

7,885.00

848.42

525.00

848.42

8,294.97

1,255.20

438.45

118.22

XII Interest and Maturing Debt

Interest on Debt—Water

Schools and other

Maturing Debt

10,106.84

1,812.50

18,520.00

97,000.00

None

10.00

20,319.93

97,000.00

None

None

22.57

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Total Transfers from Reserve Fund

3,454.64

XIII Reserve Fund

Appropriation Town Meeting 3/21/49

Transferred from Overlay Surplus 3/21/49

688.81

7,311.19

Less: Transfer as in column 3 above

Balance transferred to Overlay Surplus as of 12/31/49

3,454.64

4,545.36

8,000.00

None

None

4,545.36

None

XIV Appropriations to Cover Overdrafts in 1948 Accounts:

Town Clerk—Expense	8.18	8.18	
Election and Registration	34.11	34.11	
Police Department—Expenses	288.05	288.05	
Tree Warden	62.00	62.00	
Highways and Bridges—Expenses	2,616.19	2,616.19	
Schools—Maintenance, Repairs and other Expenses	259.05	259.05	
Library—Books and Periodicals	168.27	168.27	
Matured Debt	5,000.00	5,000.00	
	<hr/> 8,435.85	<hr/> 8,435.85	<hr/> None
Grand Total	<hr/> 1,589,614.47	<hr/> None	<hr/> 237,620.51
			<hr/> 30,307.71

Recapitulation of Departmental Expenditures 1949

Appropriation Balances, January 1, 1949 788,438.92

Appropriations from Revenue 1949 600,613.00

Appropriations from Surplus 74,753.04

Appropriation from Dog Tax Collections to
Library—Maintenance and Repair 1,200.78

Maturing Debt 97,000.00 773,566.82

Other Funds Available for Departmental Expenses

Perpetual Care Funds Income 1,696.84

Federal Grants 10,911.89

Water Loan No. 14 15,000.00 27,608.73

Total Expenditures Authorized 1,589,614.47

Actual Expenditures 1949 1,321,686.25

267,928.22

Less: Balances carried forward to 1950 237,620.51

Balances transferred to Surplus Dec. 31, 1949 30,307.71

Other Payments Required By Law
January 1 to December 31, 1949

State Charges:

Charles River Basin	977.41	
Metropolitan Parks	5,044.44	
Nantasket Beach	192.66	
State Boulevards	40.44	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	11.82	6,266.77
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County Charges:

Middlesex County Tax	26,288.98	
Middlesex County T.B. Hospital	4,153.61	30,442.59
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Total		36,709.36
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Statement of Income and Expenditures Consolidated Trust Funds for the year January 1 to December 31, 1949

Consolidated Trust Funds:

Library Funds

	Balance of Income Jan. 1, 1949	Income Added	Available For Expenditure	Expended	Balance of Income Dec. 31, 1949
Group A	200.32*	880.55	680.23	666.52	13.71
Group B	73.82*	106.28	32.46	83.66	51.20*
Group C	146.30*	303.69	157.39	105.24	52.15
Group D	36.58	19.44	56.02	55.40	.62
Group E	209.65	241.24	450.89	275.00	175.89
Group F	53.98	337.48	391.46	385.60	5.86

Merriam Fund for Silent Poor

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	987.92	218.34	1,206.26	599.62	606.64
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H. S. Sears Miscellaneous Funds:

Town Common Fund	110.46*	313.35	202.89	23.75	179.14
Teachers Home Fund	104.15	303.40	407.55	264.00	143.55
Trees and Shrubs Fund	883.72	151.50	1,035.22		1,035.22
Athletic Field Fund	258.78	151.50	410.28		410.28
School Prize Fund	80.76	90.29	171.05	90.00	81.05
Scholarship Fund	505.48	424.76	930.24	700.00	230.24
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	119.48	5.58	125.06		125.06
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	197.71	13.80	211.51		211.51
Agnes P. Brock Cemetery Fund	13.35	27.57	40.92	22.50	18.42
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	2.83	5.58	8.41	4.50	3.91

Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	None	6.83	6.83	6.83
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	None	4.68	4.68	4.68
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	None	2.89	2.89	2.89
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	None	1,696.84	1,696.84	None
Totals	2,923.49	5,305.59	8,229.08	3,256.45
* Overdrawn Balance.				

Statement of Changes in Trust and Investment Funds other than Consolidated Trust Funds Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1949

Other Trust Funds:	Principal and Interest Bal. Jan. 1.	Income Added	Additions to Principal	Expended	Principal and Interest Bal. Dec. 31.
H. S. Sears Town Hall Fund	7,755.39	155.86			7,911.25
Edward B. Field Recreation Fund	350.40	7.03			357.43
Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	336.49	7.17			343.66
World War Trust Fund	4,073.20	91.64		84.03	4,080.81
Investment Funds:					
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	6,636.34	137.00	425.00		7,198.34
Water Main Extensions Guarantee Deposits Fund	8,300.88	157.09		974.40	7,483.57
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	3,010.05	65.06			3,075.11
Stabilization Fund	10,375.17	240.27			10,615.44
Totals	40,837.92	861.12	425.00	1,058.43	41,065.61

Statement of Outstanding Indebtedness January 1, 1950

Purpose for which loan was made and rate of interest

	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1949	Paid In 1949	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1950	Principal Due In 1950	Interest Due In 1950
School Loan of 1931 3½ %	30,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	525.00
School Loan No. 4 2 %	400,000.00	27,000.00	373,000.00	27,000.00	7,460.00
School Loan No. 5 1¾ %	94,000.00	5,000.00	89,000.00	5,000.00	1,557.50
School Loan No. 6 2 %	400,000.00	28,000.00	372,000.00	28,000.00	7,440.00
Total School Loans	924,000.00	70,000.00	854,000.00	70,000.00	16,982.50
Water Loan No. 1 4¾ %	9,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	285.00
Water Loan No. 7 3½ %	6,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	105.00
Water Loan No. 11 ¾ %	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	75.00
Water Loan No. 12 ¾ %	10,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	60.00
Water Loan No. 13 1 %	103,000.00	10,000.00	93,000.00	10,000.00	880.00
Water Loan No. 14 issued in 1948 \$10,000, .85 %	5,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	112.50
Water Loan No. 14 balance issued in 1949 \$15,000, .75 %					
Total Water Loans	148,000.00	27,000.00	136,000.00	27,000.00	1,517.50
Grand Totals	1,072,000.00	97,000.00	990,000.00	97,000.00	18,500.00
Principal Due on Present Loans					
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
School Loans	70,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
Water Loans	27,000.00	17,000.00	9,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Total	97,000.00	77,000.00	69,000.00	67,000.00	67,000.00

REPORT OF THE STATE AUDITOR

Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Weston for the period from July 1, 1947, the date of the previous audit, to March 9, 1949, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts in the office of the town accountant were analyzed and found to be out of balance, and in order to prove them it was necessary to check all postings in detail for the period covered by the audit. It was apparent that a trial balance had not been taken off monthly to prove the accounts, since numerous errors were found in the postings to the ledger.

The appropriations and loan authorizations were checked to the town clerks' records of financial votes passed at town meetings, while other accounts were checked with the records of the various departments in which the transactions originated.

After making the necessary corrections in the ledgers, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on March 9, 1949.

This balance sheet shows overdrafts in nine appropriation accounts totaling \$14,637.48 and in four trust fund income accounts totaling \$331.18, due to the faulty keeping of the ledger accounts by the former town accountant.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined. The recorded receipts were analyzed and verified by comparison with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The recorded payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds, while the cash balance on March 9, 1949 was verified by actual count of the cash on hand, by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, and by examination of the savings bank books.

The recorded payments of debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals being verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and checked with the assessors' warrants for their collection. The cash books were footed, the payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The records of departmental and water accounts receivable were examined and checked. The accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited. The payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were checked with the records in the departments authorized to grant such credits, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, departmental, and water accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of dog licenses issued for the county, and of sporting licenses issued on behalf of the State, as well as of receipts from marriage permits, recording fees, etc., were examined and checked. The recorded payments to the town treasurer and to the State were verified, and the cash on hand March 9, 1949 was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds of the town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of the selectmen, and of the sealer of weights and measures, as well as of the health, school, library, and cemetery departments, were examined and reconciled with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicles and trailer excise, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation received while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director of Accounts

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Weston
for the year 1949

Number of births recorded	80
Number of marriages recorded	49
Number of marriage certificates issued	40
Number of deaths recorded	30
Residents of Weston	27
Non-residents	3
Population of town, 1945 State Census	4,473
Death rate per thousand	6.036

Births

JANUARY

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
2.	Mark King Scott	Albert and Emily K. Jump
4.	Judith Belknap Bennett	Richard O. and Margaret Belknap
11.	Robert Henry Boden	Marston H. and Louise Gaskell
12.	Baby Brenegan	Reginald and Agnes Miller
18.	Sara Elizabeth Hyland	John P. and Virginia Maxwell
23.	Kenneth Allan Patriquin	Charles T. and Phyllis E. MacArthur
30.	Murray Burke Kahler	Royce C. and Shirley F. Burke
30.	Cheryl Ann Lane	John D. and Gladys H. Strom

FEBRUARY

2.	Kevin Francis Colpitts	Harold A. and Joan A. Foster
10.	Dale Marie Poutry	Peter D. and Anna M. Bulger
11.	Richard Joseph Russell	Charles H. and Alice E. Bourque
20.	Kathleen Henderson	John and Virginia Gammons
21.	Henry Robbins Edgerton	Charles F. 2nd. and Harriet L. Murray
21.	Charles Frederic Edgerton 3rd.	Charles F. 2nd. and Harriet L. Murray

MARCH

1.	Elin Wikstrom	Oscar W. Jr. and Mildred J. Hawkins
2.	Gilbert Bradford Peakes	Gilbert E. and Ruth C. Robbins
6.	Ann Mahaney	Charles E. and Marion L. Fay

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| 9. Terry Alexander Cutler | Fred A. and Harriet George |
| 10. Philip Winsor Trumbull, Jr. | Philip W. and Pauline P. Fraser-Campell |
| 14. Mary Anne Denniston | Grant R. and Anne Golding |
| 17. Sarah Hallowell Brooks | John G. and Miriam P. Littlefield |
| 28. Marilyn Lee Williams | Jack A. and Barbara G. Akers |
| 31. Karin Lee Johnson | Frederick W. and Audrey Nystrom |

APRIL

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| 1. Rosamond Blake | Benjamin S. Jr. and Mary A. Blake |
| 9. Caroline Bennett Kingsbury | David J. and Roberta McGarey |
| 10. Anne Harding | Edward J. and Frances A. Shields |
| 16. Robert Edward Marsh | Robert E. and Margaret E. Link |
| 17. Craig Reginald Sinclair | Warren H. and Elaine M. Cahill |
| 19. Kathryn Littlehale | Gordon and Frances W. Sheppard |
| 26. Robert Edwards Teittinen | Aimo H. and Helen Edwards |
| 28. Charles Herman DeAmbrose | Herman and Mary Smith |
| 29. Charles Emmett MacLeod | Charles E. and Gertrude A. Ford |

MAY

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| 13. Gordon Benner Herbert, Jr. | Gordon B. and Judith Fradd |
| 17. Leo Silvio Lavetelli | Leo S. and Anna Henderson |
| 31. Elizabeth Martin Macy | Josiah Jr. and Elizabeth W. Murray |

JUNE

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| 1. David Bliss Malcom | William S. and Elinor Bliss |
| 4. David MacPherson Comey | Richard J. and Charlotte McPherson |
| 7. Abigail Anne Collins | Lester A. and Petronella de Roux |
| 11. Douglas Peter McKenzie | Alexander J. and Elizabeth Baker |
| 15. Frederick Theodore Swenson | Frederick A. Jr. and Winifred S. Parker |
| 21. Allan R. Jennings | Allan R. and Olive G. Ludwig |
| 23. Daphne Bement Petri | Camillo F. and Barbara Grinnell |
| 24. Mark Trevelyan Grey | David S. and Frances N. Jones |

JULY

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| 3. Ellen Anne King | Robert D. and Anna L. Lemon |
| 4. Marlene Gertrude Callinan | John F. and Kathleen Chaisson |
| 6. Elliott Hall | Edward H. and Barbara Greene |
| 6. Janice Anita Lazzari | Robert P. and Eleanor A. Tassinari |
| 12. Heidi Oechsli Thompson | Tyler and Phyllis E. Pechsli |
| 13. Peter Kenyon Fisher | John W. and Madge Kenyon |
| 15. Robert Stephen Derbyshire | Richard F. and Helen M. DePue |
| 17. Stuart Ferguson McGillivray | John O. and Harriet A. Whitten |

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| 20. Charles Harrison Cooke | Charles V. and Elsie A. Foote |
| 26. Anne Kathryn DeRusha | Henry W. and Helen L. Tees |
| 27. Eileen Frances Robbins | Paul L. and Mary G. Gearin |

AUGUST

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| 11. David Adams Paine | John A. Jr. and Jane Patterson |
| 15. Katherine Child Taylor | Isaac M. Taylor and Gertrude Woodard |
| 27. Stephen Brewster Kellogg | David M. Jr. and Marion Fuller |
| 28. Robert Ernest Benotti | Raymond J. and Jenney Clemente |

SEPTEMBER

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| 5. Peter Galloway Huidekoper | Peter G. and Mary Alice Beckman |
| 8. Arthur Barr Dolan | A. Barr and Ella Poland |
| 19. Randy Law | Charles and Phyllis Burleigh |
| 20. Elizabeth Ann Shriner | Richard and Elizabeth Toner |
| 24. Deborah Nichols Simmering | Wilfred G. and Dortha F. G. Butts |
| 25. Eileen Toner | James V. Jr. and Martha M. Connelly |
| 27. Glenn Clark Johnson | Seth and Constance Clark |

OCTOBER

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| 1. Susan Thayer Osborn | Stafford and Sally Thayer |
| 1. John Treadway Perry | David A. and Alice Johnson |
| 6. Richard Arnold Carlson | Carl A. and Barbara A. Anderson |
| 6. Cynthia Mary Shaler | Amos J. and Patricia Bowman |
| 15. Douglas Thayer Crawford | John B. and Sarah Cushing |
| 20. Onyx Kimbro Orton | George W. III and Margaret M. Ragan |
| 21. Sheila Anne Walsh | Edmund and Barbara Small |
| 24. John Milligan Winsor, Jr. | John M. and Anne I. Edwards |
| 26. Kathleen Hope Olson | Donald L. and Irene M. Kittelle |

NOVEMBER

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| 8. Barbara Jean Lampson | Frank and Mildred A. Arthur |
| 13. Peter Stuart Whittenberger | James L. and Jean Stockfisch |
| 20. Shelley Davis Thurber | Davis P. and Shirley A. Amos |

DECEMBER

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| 1. Carla Mari Dengler | Alfred T. and Marijeanne Scullin |
| 9. Alexander Campbell Goodale | Walter T. and Edith Ford |
| 15. Leslie Germaine Kayser | Robert B. and Margaret L. Underhill |
| 16. Gretchen Elaine Gibson | William S. and Beda C. Swenson |
| 23. Henry Lewis Viles | Jesse Sumner and Mary E. Gordon |

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NOVEMBER

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| 10. Anne Hulda Charter | Alvin H. and Gertrude MacKenzie |
| 23. Joan Hathaway Sawyer | Allen W. and Charlotte Buss |
| 28. Ann Randolph | Harold J. and Ruth Stone |
| 29. Emily Jackson Lombard | George F. and Mary E. Jackson |

DECEMBER

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| 15. Gail Susan Milburn | Charles W. and Phyllis A. DeLong |
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Marriages

JANUARY

Date

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| 30. Lawrence R. Joyner, Jr. of Virginia and Rose H. Lamoreaux of Weston |
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FEBRUARY

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| 26. Ralph C. Ellis of Greenfield and Mabel E. Y. Ellis of Weston |
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APRIL

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| 16. Alfred S. Walker, Jr. of Weston and Dorothea A. Phelan of Brighton |
| 19. Ralph Woodworth, Jr. and Margaret N. Ward both of Weston |

MAY

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| 26. David M. Little of Cambridge and Rosamond T. B. Sturgis of Weston |
| 27. Robert R. Stevens of Weston and Nancie L. Malfa of Newton |
| 27. Thomas H. P. Whitney of Boston and Joan Blake of Weston |
| 28. Harold W. Martin, Jr. of Weston and Anne L. Woodland of Cambridge |

JUNE

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| 1. Daniel C. Bassett of California and Marion S. Start of Wellesley |
| 10. Edward W. Bauer, Jr. of Tuckahoe, N. Y. and Julia B. Merrill of Weston |
| 11. George F. Hess of Lexington and June H. McNeil of Weston |
| 11. Edward W. Coburn of Weston and Audrey A. Bartlett of Auburndale |
| 17. Robert F. Travis of Weston and Patricia Elliot of Newton |
| 18. Owen C. Howe, Jr. of Weston and Selene A. H. Annis of Boston |
| 18. Allen H. Hallett of Weston and Frances G. Nott of Braintree |
| 25. Richard K. McCally of Ohio and Sarah E. Powell of Weston |
| 25. LeLand S. Smith, Jr. of Weston and Cynthia Coe of Wellesley |

25. Robert S. Whittemore and Pauline R. Jacques both of Weston
25. Celso V. Zamprognio of Hyde Park and Theresa M. Benotti of Weston
26. Charles I. Shapiro and Judith R. Rosenblum both of Brookline
26. Walter J. Merz and Martha B. Plister both of Cambridge

JULY

2. Edward C. Malloy, Jr. of Waltham and Mary L. Bourinot of Weston
9. John H. Byron of Concord and Catherine T. Sheehan of Weston
9. John E. Maxwell and Virginia E. Thompson both of Waltham
23. Albert J. White and Rose H. Chiasson both of Weston
23. Courtland H. Charlot of Weston and Barbara Peabody of Newton
30. Ernest P. Warner of Needham and Helen S. Harrington of Weston
31. Frederick G. Rollins of Waltham and Constance B. Emory of Weston

AUGUST

7. Louis A. Phillips of Waltham and Anna D. Kane of Weston
14. Edward S. Pumphrey, Jr. of Weston and Elizabeth A. Powers of Newton
15. William C. Fuller and Elizabeth P. Sapper both of Waltham
19. Edward S. Pumphrey and Katherine B. Abbott both of Weston
31. John G. Ryan of New York and Bernice M. McCann of Weston

SEPTEMBER

2. Albert A. Smith of Roxbury and Guna I. A. Wilson of Weston
6. Robert M. Aiken of Wellesley and Lois I. Imbescheid of Needham
9. Rodger P. Nordblom of Weston and Mary W. Crocker of Fitchburg
10. Elliot G. Hansen of Waltham and Ruth E. Redman of Weston
19. Roland R. Gates of Auburndale and Georgia L. Ragan of Weston
24. Richard S. Rush of Prov. R. I. and Agatha Twadelle of Cambridge

OCTOBER

8. John F. Parish of Brighton and Helen R. Jacobs of Waltham
8. Walter H. Trumbull, Jr. of Weston and Elizabeth Lea Stone of Dedham
12. Kenneth E. King of Weston and Elaine M. Burrell of Medford
22. Norman M. Perry of Weston and Madeline Bullard of Wayland
29. Carleton Burr of Mattapoisett and Gertrude Trumbull of Weston

NOVEMBER

16. William F. Nash of Brewster and Millicent A. Cheever of Weston
26. Wesley W. Teich of Newton and Patricia L. Snow of Weston

DECEMBER

17. Thomas E. Shepherd, Jr. of Newton and Beverly A. Hastings of Weston
 22. Henry S. Fuller of Brookline and Mary R. E. Burke of Weston
 26. Harry A. Starr, Jr. of Weston and Elizabeth A. Naylor of Newton

Deaths

JANUARY

Date	Name	Place of Birth	Age		
2.	Hannah E. M. Sibley	Wilmot, N. S.	92	1	5
12.	Eugene White	Nova Scotia	72	0	13
13.	Girl Infant Brenegan	Newton, Mass.	—	—	1
16.	Marian K. B. Palmer	Togus, Maine	82	0	27
18.	Effie L. W. Adams	Georgetown, Maine	80	10	12
28.	Theodore Chandler	Kodikanal, India	58	9	15

FEBRUARY

13.	Lena H. Barrett	Wilkes County, Ga.	70	5	6
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MARCH

2.	Owen C. Howe, Sr.	Bloomington, Ind.	71	2	7
23.	Charles I. Freeman	Plainfield, Vt.	87	7	9
28.	George H. Welcome	Hinesburg, Vt.	84	11	6

APRIL

24.	Herbert Jesse Kalloch	Rockland, Me.	89	0	30
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MAY

12.	Paul Llyod Chipman	Wareham, Mass.	64	1	22
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JUNE

10.	Mary G. M. Macomber	Chelsea, Mass.	88	11	23
12.	Otis C. Funderburk	Springfield, Ill.	64	2	20
24.	Joseph W. Rickman	Franklin, N. C.	80	2	16
28.	Ida A. L. Sauer	Weston, Mass.	86	7	9

JULY

5.	Clara E. Loker	Weston, Mass.	87	11	18
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AUGUST

2.	Mary W. G. Stubbs	Brownfield, Me.	71	4	21
2.	Lena D. Howe	Oswego, N. Y.	82	2	24

SEPTEMBER

3.	Fr. Joseph J. Daley	Bradford, England	74	—	—
12.	Florence D. Horgan	Pittsburg, Penn.	49	9	23
12.	Martin S. Tebo	Nova Scotia	68	5	16
17.	Edmund T. Carver	Vinal Haven, Me.	88	7	10
20.	Douglas Dunbar Halford	Winthrop, Mass.	40	1	7

OCTOBER

17.	Eva M. Richardson	Canada	73	3	1
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NOVEMBER

10.	Ralph Woodworth, Sr.	California	78	6	3
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DECEMBER

4.	Lillian W. Webb	Maryland	65	9	22
16.	Rev. Eugene B. Cummings	Rutland, Vt.	67	—	—
20.	Sophia L. Davis	Somerside, N. S.	76	7	27
23.	William H. Fitzgerald	Newton, Mass.	81	1	7

Number of dog licenses issued during the year:

348 males at \$2.	\$696.00
95 females at \$5.	475.00
213 female spayed at \$2.	426.00
1 Kennel license at \$50.	50.00
2 Kennel licenses at \$25.	50.00
7 Kennel licenses at \$10.	70.00
1 transfer at 25c	.25
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	\$1,767.25
Fees deducted (666 licenses at 20 cents)	\$133.20
Paid to Middlesex County Treasurer	1,633.80
One transfer	.25
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	\$1,767.25

Number of licenses issued during the year under the Division of Fisheries and Game:

81 Fishing at \$2.	\$162.00	
63 Hunting at \$2.	126.00	
73 Sporting at \$4.25.	234.00	
26 Female and Minor Fishing at \$1.25.	32.50	
1 Resident Citizen Trapping at \$5.25.	5.25	
3 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing at \$1.50.	4.50	
1 Duplicate at 50 cents	.50	
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		\$564.75
Fees deducted (246 licenses at 25 cents)	61.50	
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	503.25	
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		\$564.75

REPORT OF THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE

With its March, 1950 issue The Town Reporter will have completed five years of continuous publication.

The Reporter is an official publication of the Town of Weston, financed by the taxpayers and is unique in its field. So far as can be learned, no other town has, or has ever had, such an official bulletin published regularly ten times a year, and devoted exclusively to supplying information to every household concerning the various Town Departments, and other activities that are of public concern and interest.

The Town Bulletin Committee believes that if The Town Reporter is to continue to fulfill the purpose for which it was founded, it should continue to be in a position, financially, to publish an adequate amount of Town news in each issue. Therefore an appropriation for 1950 of \$1300 has been requested, an increase of \$300 over last year's appropriation.

The reason for this request is that the cost of publishing the Town Reporter has risen steadily since 1945, until today, page for page, it is practically double the original. At present also, due to Weston's increasing population, the print order stands at 1400 copies per issue, as against 1100 previously. During 1950, each column of news in a 6-page issue will cost the taxpayers about \$6.00.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

There were 2559 registered voters in the Town of Weston as of January 18, 1950 when this report went to press.

This Board has found, however, that there were some 620 persons residing in Weston who are qualified to register as voters but who have not done so. We have sent to each of these persons a letter urging them to register as a voter. (See exhibit A attached). To date, 37 persons have already registered as a direct result of this letter, and a total of

248 new names were added to the voting list during the past year while 204 were removed from the list.

We urge all persons who have resided in Weston for six months or more and have resided in Massachusetts for a period of one year, who are citizens of the United States, and who are 21 years of age or more, to register at the Town House, Mondays thru Fridays 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturdays from 8:30 to 12:00 noon at any time, except 20 days preceding the annual town meeting, or a local, state, or national election.

With regard to the census which this Board is required by law to take in the town annually, we have this year along with our own census, taken the livestock census for the Board of Assessors, at the suggestion of several town officers. Both boards were most agreeable to this arrangement which will save the Town money and reduce the number of calls imposed on our residents. This census has been taken this year by two uniformed police of the Town in their off-duty time, and a personal call was made at each home to secure the census information required by statute.

(Exhibit A)

Town of Weston
Massachusetts

December 31, 1949

Dear Fellow-Citizen:

Your name appears on our Town Records as one of several hundred persons in this town who are qualified to register as a voter, but have not done so.

Do you realize that by your failure to register as a voter, you may not even attend Town Meeting and express your opinion on how your tax money shall be spent, and that you cannot help decide who shall hold office in your town?

Do you know that you cannot vote in the 1950 State elections if you are not properly registered?

Seldom in the history of this country has the vote of the individual been so important. By it you express your convictions—without it you have absolutely no voice in your government, local, state or national.

Since this country began, men have died for the privilege of casting a free ballot—for self-government. Won't you give a few minutes of your time and register so that you, too, can exercise that privilege?

You may register at the Town Clerk's office at the Town House Mondays thru Fridays 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturdays from 8:30 A. M. to 12:00 noon

Please do not delay—you may NOT register within 20 days of any Town Meeting, or local, state or national election

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
EUGENE HANSON, Chairman

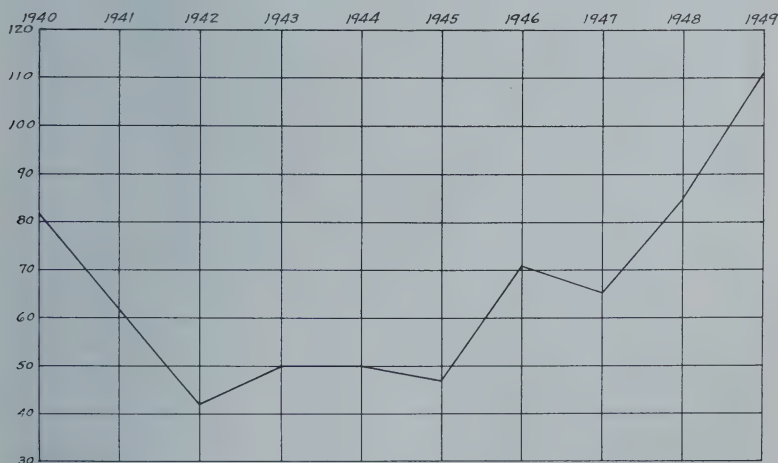
REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Abandoned Cars	3	
Accidents	44	
Ambulance Calls	17	
Buildings Broken Into	27	
Cats Killed	5	
Complaints and Investigations	558	
Complaints About Dogs	119	
Dogs Killed	3	
Dogs to Pound	23	
Empty Houses Watched	191	
Summonses Served	114	
Summonses Returned Without Service	15	
Value of Property Stolen—Approx.	\$6,568.00	
Value of Property Recovered—Approx.	3,756.00	
Arrests made:	Male	Female
Automobile Law Violations	11	
Breaking and Entering	6	
Breaking street lights	2	
Default Warrant	1	
Disturbing Peace	1	
Driving to Endanger	4	
Drunk	7	3
Going away after damage to property	3	
Larceny	2	
Lewdness	1	
Malicious Mischief	2	
Non-Support	1	
Operating after suspension	1	
Operating under influence	8	
Operating unregistered car	2	
Refusing to stop for officer	4	
Runaway	0	1
Safekeeping	1	
Short measure of Loam	1	
Speeding	44	1
Vagrant	2	
Violation of Probation	1	
Violation of School Bus Law	1	
Total	106	5
Disposition of Cases:	Male	Female
Committed to Child Guidance	2	
Committed to State Hospital	2	
Dismissed	1	
Fined	72	1

Held for Grand Jury	1	
Not Guilty	4	
Placed on File	7	
Probation	3	
Released	3	3
Suspended Sentence — House of Correction	2	
Suspended Sentence — State Farm	2	
Turned over to outside police	3	1
Turned over to parents	4	
Total	106	5

Disposition of cases in Superior Court:

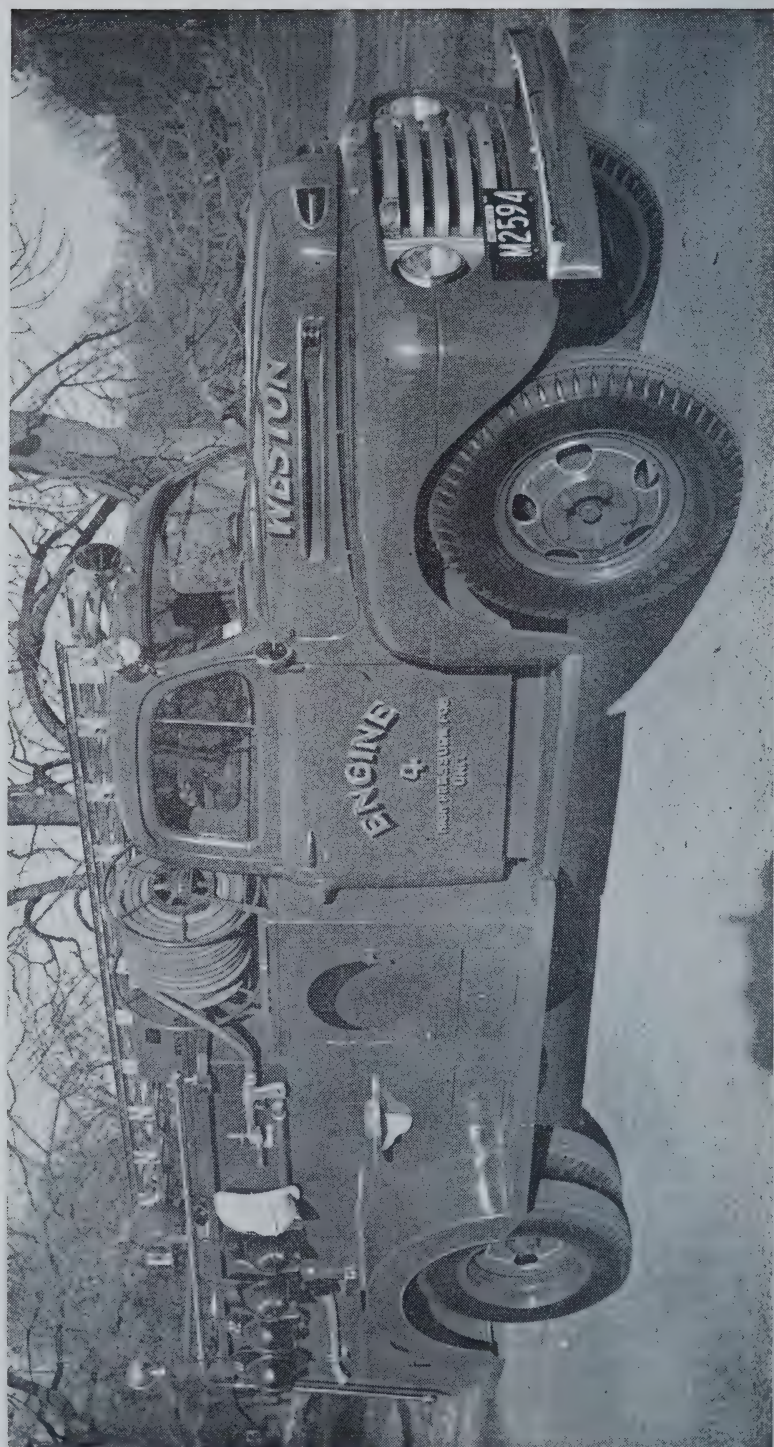
Operating under influence	Not Guilty
Armed Robbery	5 yrs. Concord
Armed Robbery	5 yrs. Concord
Armed Robbery	5 yrs. Concord
Armed Robbery	3 yrs. Probation
Unnatural Act	3 yrs. Probation



The above graph, covering a ten-year period, shows that crime is increasing in Weston.

The Town purchased a new Mercury two-door sedan for the Police Department late in December, 1949. This new cruiser is equipped with stretcher and two-way radio.

It will be necessary this year to appropriate \$1,000. to take care of the change in the radio frequency due to the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. All police departments must give up the present wave lengths which have been allocated to public utilities.



REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

During the past year the Department has responded to 109 bell alarms and 57 still alarms as follows:

Buildings	12	Gas leak	1
Grass	60	False Alarms	1
Brush	29	Oven	1
Dump	14	Plane Crash	1
Automobile & Truck	12	Tractor	1
Needless	8	R. R. Flares	1
Chimney	7	Rubbish in cellar	1
Incinerator	7	Patching roof	1
Oil Burner	5	Cutting oil tank	1
Oil Stove	2	Horse caught in R. R. tracks	1

Calls to aid outside towns

Waltham	1
Wayland	1

Number of runs made by each truck

Engine No. 1	14	Engine No. 3	96	Engine No. 5	71
Engine No. 2	28	Engine No. 4	10	Ladder No. 1	27

Fire Chief

Maurice L. Upham

Permanent Men

F. Wyman Johnson	Daniel E. Compton
Stephen L. Colpitts	John A. Compton
	Albert J. White

Honorary Members

Winifred A. Martin	Hugh MacDonald
Jeremiah Sliney	John E. Lingley
Augie W. Johnson	Frank B. Riley
Clarence Hyde	Harold W. Coburn
Herbert E. Lyons	Oscar S. Payne

Callmen

Deputy	Radio Man
Harold B. Colpitts	Robert G. Hutchinson
Engine Company	Ladder Company
John A. Cain	Warren E. Vittum
John W. P. Young	Henry W. Lingley
Gilbert L. Upham	Alexander Z. Jones
Leander F. Rafuse	Alan T. Wheeler Jr.

J. Wesley Jones
 John A. Clark
 Edward Dickson
 Maurice Delong
 Hugh N. MacDonald

Thomas Williams
 Robert Delong
 Herbert B. Crouch
 Guy L. Akers
 Charles R. Barker
 Henry Merrill
 Frank O. Shaw

In previous years the Fire Department report has stressed fire prevention. In 1949, however, the Department added a piece of equipment of such value in fire fighting that it deserves to be the major subject of this report. The fact that the members of the Department built a high pressure fog truck is important in itself. The saving to the Town has been substantial and the Town has a unit which can reduce the damage resulting from fires by quicker control of fires and by reducing the water damage incidental to conventional fire fighting methods.

At the last Annual Town Meeting, March 1949, the sum of \$5,500 was appropriated to purchase materials and parts for the truck. First, plans were drawn up to show how the unit would work and how it would look. After a careful study, we purchased a Ford F6, 2½ ton chassis, with a cab. Next came the problem of the type of pump which would be practical for all fire-fighting purposes.

We talked to many manufacturers of high pressure pumps before it was decided to buy a Farquhar pump which operates at pressures from 200 to 1,000 lbs. and delivers 50 gallons of water per minute. This pump was mounted on the chassis and fastened securely.

The next problem was how to drive the pump—whether by split drive shaft, gears, or power-take-off with V belts. We decided to use a power-take-off because of reduced vibration on the pump as well as on the motor. We consulted with an engineer in regard to V belt sizes; it was learned that six V belts were required to deliver the horsepower needed to operate the pump. While a few other towns have had fog trucks built none had satisfactorily adapted V belt drives to their purpose.

In order to eliminate electrolysis at high pressure we used red brass fittings, with quick-opening valves and flexible hose between the pump, tank and reels. All pipe fittings are of extra strength to operate safely under high pressure.

Two reels were mounted on the top of the pump with a fog spray gun on each side of the body. Between the reels we mounted a 1,000-watt generator to be used for light at night fires.

A stainless steel tank with a capacity of 533 gallons of water was built by a contractor. The body was roughed in and the fire personnel

did most of the welding. After completion the pump was tested and it was found that it would work well at low pressures as well as at high pressure.

The body is constructed to carry 600 feet of 2½ inch hose in each of two compartments thus making the unit a combination hose and fog truck. On the top of the tank we have mounted a large basket to carry Scott Air Packs and all the working tools needed by firemen.

In the last three months of 1949 this new piece of equipment was used on several fires, has proved very satisfactory and adds to the efficiency of the Department. It has been demonstrated to several Fire Chiefs and Forest Wardens, and has been on display at the Fire-Fighters Conference in Worcester.

The firemen have spent a great deal of time in planning and working on this unit. We are indeed fortunate in having a group of men who take so much interest and pride in their work.

The Fire Department is very grateful to the Women's Community League for the new resuscitator which they donated in 1949. It should be useful to us in emergencies and adds greatly to our life-saving ability.

While new and modern equipment is essential to our safety and protection there is no question but that fire prevention must be the responsibility of every citizen. The fire department will be glad to help you at any time when you may have a question about fire prevention and precautions.

WESTON HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

We regret to say that the collections of the Committee are now in storage as we have had to leave the Isaac Fiske Office where we have been for so many years, and we can not show any of the things at present. We hope to have a permanent place some day as we have many articles of great interest and of value.

The committee has received some papers from the David Lane estate from J. P. Lane, and we have also received a gift of an old account book which possibly came from Cutting Store.

The Committee will be glad to receive and take care of any contributions of historical or local interest.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH DEPARTMENT

During the last season the Elm trees along our highways were sprayed at three different times in order to control the Scolytus beetle, the known carrier of Dutch Elm Disease.

One of the leaf sprays was a general leaf spray applied to all the trees along our highways to combat Gypsy Moth and other leaf-eating insects. A special spray was applied to the Sycamore trees to control Leaf Blight or Anthrocnose.

Last year the birch trees in Eastern Massachusetts were severely attacked by the Birch Leaf Minor. This Birch Leaf Minor is an insect that feeds between the tissues of the young leaves and causes them to turn brown and to fall early in the season. Birch Leaf Minor is a very difficult pest to control. This pest requires at least three sprayings during the season, a dormant spray, a first leaf spray when the foliage is very young, sometime about May 15 depending on the season and a third spray at approximately June 20 depending on the season.

Under Chapter 660 of the General Laws we were able to cut and remove a great many wild cherry trees and brush along most of our highways, thus eliminating a breeding ground for the unsightly tent caterpillar.

I feel that it would be advisable to carry on our thorough spray program this coming season.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

During the past year some thirty dead and dying trees have been removed throughout the town. Four trees that were alive had to be removed because of danger to highway travel. These trees were properly posted before they were taken down, and property owners were advised beforehand. State law governs the taking down of healthy trees so that it is impossible to remove them without the full consent of all parties concerned.

A portion of the appropriation was used in cutting back trees to increase vertical highway clearance and vision to make travel safer for our school busses. I was also able to find time to supervise the spending of some two hundred dollars for the school department at the new school building in order to make these public trees safe before the new high school was opened. Some fifteen elm trees that showed a definite sign of weakness were fed in various parts of the town. Feeding is most important to weakened elms while combating Dutch Elm Disease. I am happy to report that I have not found a single case of Dutch Elm disease on street trees in the Town of Weston thus far. I believe this is largely due to the care we have been giving our trees. An extensive pruning program is being followed to remove deadwood to eliminate the

breeding ground of the Scolytus beetle, the known carrier of the Dutch Elm Disease. The University of Massachusetts and the Conservation Department are recommending this sanitation program of spraying, pruning, and feeding in order to keep the Scolytus beetle from spreading the Dutch Elm Disease. A method of soil treatment is being tried experimentally to combat Dutch Elm Disease; although this treatment looks promising, it has as yet not been proved. In the meantime, it would be well if we continued to follow the recommendations of the University of Massachusetts and the Conservation Department in combating Dutch Elm Disease.

I am recommending to the Town the establishment of a town nursery, preferably somewhere near our schools with a view to the proper replacement of trees that may be lost to disease or storms or highway construction. This nursery might be tied in with some of our school activities in order to give some of the students an appreciation of plant life, through establishing a town forest.

It has been a pleasure to serve the town in the capacity of Tree Warden, and I would like to express my thanks to the citizens and other department heads for their cooperation.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Following is the report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Scales:	Adjusted	Sealed	Non-Sealed	Con-demned
Platform over 10,000 lbs		3		
Platform over 100 lbs	1	6		
Counter over 100 lbs.		2		
Counter under 100 lbs		4		
Spring under 100 lbs.	1	13		
Computing under 100 lbs.		5		
Person weigher (slot)		1		
Prescription		1		
Weights:				
Avoirdupois		3		
Apothecary		4		
Volumetric Measures:				
Liquid Measures		3		
Automatic Liquid-Measuring Devices:				
Gasoline Meter Systems		16		
Grease-Measuring Devices		5		
Kerosene pump		1	1	

Fees amounting to \$26.68 plus 15c adjusting charges, were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission was organized for 1949 after the Town Meeting, with Mr. Karl Adams, Jr. and Mrs. Erlund Field as Co-Chairmen and Mrs. Albert Speare as Secretary. It has held regular meetings and many sub-committee meetings.

The Commission was sorry to lose Mr. Donald Hurley from its membership as he had been the able and active Chairman for 1948. Only two of the commissioners remain who were elected at the time when the Commission was created. At the 1948 Town Meeting Mr. Karl Adams, Jr., who had been appointed to fill a vacancy, was elected for a term of three years. Mr. Harold A. Mosher joined the Commission at the same time.

The program for 1949 remained very much the same as in previous years, with the addition of one third and fourth grade boys' afternoon program described in detail later.

During the summer Mr. John Proctor, the Recreation Director, was ably assisted by Miss Catherine Howard, Miss Jean McLaughlin and Messrs. Robert Starmer, Peter Green and Norman Frye. The latter had charge of "Shop" instruction for three sessions per week. The Commission was fortunate to have the expert help of Mrs. Charles Smith who took groups of children on Nature Walks on Friday mornings, and Mrs. Harry S. Ferries who taught Ceramics on Thursday afternoon.

Excerpts From The Director's Report

The summer season of 1949 began on June 28th and continued through August 27th. Attendance records were kept of the various activities and are as nearly accurate as they can be when there are no turnstiles.

Summer Program

	Average Weekly Attendance	Total
Playground (including Case House)	633	5,697
Swimming Pool (including Adult swimming 3 nights per week)	357	4,156
Softball on Tues. Evenings (Adults) (beginning in April)	55	

Of the **Playground** activities the "Shop" was very popular with both boys and girls. There were three sessions a week with an average attendance of 34 in the morning and 25 in the afternoon.

The Case House had an average of 35 each of the two evenings it was open, but this figure does not include the large numbers of boys and girls below High School age who attended the "movie show" on Wednesday evenings.

The Swimming Pool was always full except on rainy days. The figure given above, broken down, means that there are usually 40-50 in the water during each session. In order to give instruction in Swimming the Beginners are limited to 30 minutes at the beginning of each session. Attention is then given to the more advanced groups. This year, despite the exceptionally hot weather, the water was kept at a high standard of cleanliness by the filter system and large amounts of chlorine.

Adult attendance at the pool was rather disappointing as our average attendance for three evenings was only 44. This was probably due to lack of advertising or possibly the adults do not feel like being confined in so small an area. It is the Director's opinion that the pool will never attract many adults until we remove the fence and fill the entire area to street level, grass the same and enclose the entire area with an attractive chain link fence, an estimated \$5,000—\$6,000 project.

As in the past, we conducted a 4th of July swimming meet for the boys and girls in the Town and ribbons were presented to the winners. A water carnival stressing life saving techniques was held by Mrs. Eriund Field, Co-Chairman of the Commission.

There was greater interest this year in Red Cross swimming tests. A total of 86 children passed the various swimming skills. They are as follows:

Beginners (37)

Boys

Peter Fowler
Donald Fluegeman
Donald Flannery
Steven Greason
Eric Granholm
Buzzy Granholm
Robert Hutchinson
Dick Harding
Peter Lawson
Peter Morton
Keven Minihan
Douglas Raymond
Jimmy Robbins

Boys

Billy Turner
Hub Byrne
John Brunner
David Bridges
Jameson Bell
Paul Chadwick
Fearce Coues
George Dudley
Charlie White
Jay Crowe

Girls

Linda Brown
Priscilla Doran
Eileen Derbyshire
Mary Millin
Jenifer Robbins
Gretchen Schneider
Carol Thompson
Dorothy White
Nancy White
Fatsy Gilligan
Jean Havey
Joan Havey
Ann Kellogg

Intermediates (19)

Boys

Jack Compton
Donald Fluegeman
Bernie Foote
Dan Melone
Martin Pollock
Dick White
John Young

Girls

Carol Abbott
Nancy Barker
Beverly Frost
Phillis Havey
Mary Kelly
Kathy Minihan
Mary Sullivan

Girls

Gretchen Schneider
Dotty White
Nancy White
Teresa Young
Judy Wetzel

Swimmers (16)**Boys**

Ronnie Keene
 Arthur Mason
 Newton Pendleton
 Charles Stimpson
 Lee Webster
 Michael Woodworth
 Anthony Woodworth

Girls

Lucy Boyd
 Peggy Curtin
 Carol Ewer
 Helen Green
 Lillian Lawson

Girls

Shirley MacDonald
 Edith Stewart
 Betty Stewart
 Donna Webster

Advanced Swimmers (3)**Girls**

Carolyn Curtis
 Patricia Merrill
 Jane Turner

Junior Life Saver (9)**Boys**

Tom Barbetti
 David Cahill
 Dean Cahill
 Jimmy Clark
 Jack Clark

Boys

Ronnie Darroch
 Joel Gates
 Whitney Nolte
 David Pollack

Senior Life Saver (2)

Winslow Cobb
 Peter Green

We should like to congratulate the following staff on a very pleasant and successful season:

Robert Starmer, Director of Swimming
 Peter Green, Swimming and Playground Worker
 Vincent Melone, Adult Swimming
 Miss Catherine Howard, Swimming and Playground Worker.
 Miss Jean McLaughlin, Girl's Swimming Director and Playground Worker
 Norman Frye, Teacher of Handcraft

Playground

Playground activities included baseball, softball, volley ball, tennis, newcomb, archery, basketball, stunts, tumbling, boxing, tag football, quiet games, horseshoes, treasure hunts, watermelon contests and various other group games. Each Friday all boys were divided into two major teams and two minor teams and a competitive field day was held. Points were given and the winning team was awarded a watermelon or cokes.

Nature trips attracted many boys and girls every Friday morning. Frogs were caught and examined as well as fresh water clams, butter-

flies, etc. On rainy days slides were shown and many stuffed animals and birds were studied. It was also constructive in that we learned how to make aquariums and trariums. Mrs. Charles Smith's volunteer services were greatly appreciated. The season ended with a trip and cookout at the playground; Mrs. Smith supplied the 'cokes'.

The Ceramics Class on Thursday afternoons, a new activity, was ably conducted by the volunteer services of Mrs. Harry S. Ferries and many children who ordinarily do not come to the playground attended these classes. It was very remarkable that so many small children could undertake and make some really worth while articles with a considerable amount of creative ability. We should like to thank the Women's Community League for the use of the kiln.

It is interesting to note that some 119 different children, ranging in age from 4 years to 16, took part in the Shop program. The time was divided as follows: Wood and Metal Tuesday morning and afternoon, Leather Craft on Wednesday morning. The staff wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. John Birch for her helpful volunteer assistance in the Shop.

Case House

Each Wednesday evening at the Case House movies were shown to the younger group under ninth grade age, from 7 to 8, then repeated for the high school age group which remained until 11 P.M. The older group included all those from the ninth grade up. They also attended on Friday evenings from 8 to 11 P.M. This year many more quiet games were used, ping pong tournaments were in progress, records available, cokes, radio, dancing, etc. For the most part this program was informal with planned recreation when needed, such as indoor track meets, life saver relays, orange passing relays, "Come as a Song Title" contests and quiet riddle guessing games. Two recreation workers were in attendance each evening. A committee of boys and girls acted as advisors and appointed two of their number to act as host and hostess for the evening. Dry weather and fire hazards prevented cookouts this year but on the whole the season was very successful.

Fall, Winter and Spring Activities

One Square Dance was held in October sponsored by the Commission and run by a committee of boys and girls. This dance was successful and bridged the gap between the summer and before the Community League's program of Square Dancing began.

Saturday Mornings—Basketball and Baseball

This program begins after the football season and continues until school ends. It includes 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys. Basketball seemed slightly more popular this year, averaging 65 boys playing while Baseball attracted 50 per season.

Tuesday Evening Adult Basketball averages 35.

Sports for Third and Fourth Grade Boys

This Fall the Recreation Commission was urged to provide games for 3rd and 4th grade boys. Accordingly, having been granted permission by the Park Commission to use the piece of land between Wellesley and School Streets, temporary goal posts were erected, a field marked out and a coach supplied. 44 boys signed up and there were always enough boys for two teams and sometimes three. These youngsters had the time of their lives and the venture was a complete success. In all cases written permission to play was given by the parents. No case of undue fatigue was reported, probably because the time was not too long and thanks to the efforts of great hearted mothers who came down to the field and supplied drinks and cookies.

Comments

1. **Summer Program** Next year the Commission proposes to shorten the program by one week. During the last two weeks of August there is a noticeable falling off in attendance.
2. **The Swimming Pool** It has been drawn to the attention of the Town in previous reports and by other Committees that the present Swimming Pool which is forty years old is completely inadequate. It has been a good place for the children to learn swimming. The numbers now using it require regimentation so that every one gets a turn. The deep end is so shallow that diving is dangerous. It can not be used for family swimming to any great extent and its environment is not conducive to summer relaxation. The Commission hesitates to suggest needed improvements there because whatever is done will not affect the primary trouble.

Weston is unfortunate in not having natural facilities for swimming. The reservoirs in town are not available for recreation purposes and to enlarge the present swimming pool would be very costly. As mentioned above to pull down the old fence, grade the land surrounding it and put up a chain link fence would cost over \$6,000.

The only alternative that the Recreation Commission believes to be at all feasible is to clean, deepen and slightly enlarge the two ponds which are within the boundaries of land belonging to the Town, situated beyond the new playing fields adjacent to the High School. By use of a dam, this project could be combined with the creation of a large, safe skating area to be used in the winter by the school and town. The situation is ideal as the land is beautiful, the location central, with the added advantage of easy access but unseen from any road.

At the time of writing, December, 1949, an engineering analysis in progress indicates that there is a sufficient flow of water. This pro-

posal for a combined swimming-skating area is being discussed with various Town authorities and a committee of interested citizens is being formed to help acquaint the Town with all the aspects of the project as soon as possible.

3. **Play Areas** It was stated in the Town Report of 1948 that the Recreation Commission's report with respect to play areas would be filed with the Planning Board. This has been done and it will be considered. The Town is growing as indicated by these figures. Building permits issued in 1945, 7; 1946, 24; 1947, 39; 1948, 64; 1949, 48; making a total of 182. These new houses will probably account for four persons each, increasing the population of Weston by 728. While the Recreation Commission feels that preservation of some land for play areas is urgent, it has hesitated to suggest any added expense to the Town at this time unless immediate action is indicated and approved by the Town authorities responsible for co-ordinating the needs of the Town as a whole.

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

Expenditures:

Care of Town Common	\$836.83
Care of Other Park Lands	30.00
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Total	\$866.83

General maintenance of the Town Common was carried out as usual. Poison ivy about the edges of the Common was sprayed and killed. Some pruning of broken branches and the general lawn maintenance took up the major part of the expenditures. The drought of the past summer resulted in some bare spots but these should not be permanent. It should be pointed out that if there had been a normal amount of rain during the growing season there would have been considerably more grass cutting to do. In fact we would not have been able to keep the Common in proper condition and stay within the budget. It was only because of a very poor growing season, requiring less mowing, that we were able to keep within budgetary limits. This important fact should be kept in mind when appropriations are made for another year's maintenance.

Dancing on "the green" was permitted in June. Soldiers' Field was cleaned up in the late summer, and the Case triangle was mowed at no additional expense to the town. In the fall the Recreation Commission was allowed to use the Case triangle for supervised play of certain classes in the elementary school on certain specified afternoons. This was discontinued in December.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has met regularly on Monday evenings throughout the year. It has also from time to time inspected property proposed for present or future subdivisions, and has made various areal studies pertaining to the Master Plan. In addition, eight public hearings were held, one joint hearing with the Board of Appeals and one joint public hearing with the Board of Selectmen.

The Board received various petitions for subdivision approval of which five were accepted. These contained one and one-half miles of ways, giving access to sixty-seven potential building lots, bearing the following names: Rolling Lane, French Road, Kendall Common Road, Ellis Road, Kidney Pond Road, Juniper Road, Cheney Road and Theall Way.

The Board is gratified that the Town voted to complete its basic maps in 1949. It should be appreciated that these maps cost approximately \$23,000., and that a sum should be appropriated annually to protect this investment by keeping the maps up-to-date. The Board has requested \$500. in its 1950 budget for this purpose.

The urgent need for the acquisition of land for a parking area in the center of town has been apparent for several years. The Board presented plans and estimates for such a parking area at a public hearing jointly with the Board of Selectmen on December 19, 1949. Opinion was favorable, and articles have been inserted in the current warrant to bring this project to a vote. The Board strongly recommends acceptance of the plan at this time, as delay will surely add greatly to its ultimate cost.

The Board considers the intent of our present Zoning Law excellent. However, a general revision of the law is now necessary in order to clarify and reinforce this intent, and to conform with recent legislation. With the aid of the Town Counsel, such a revision has been completed and will be submitted to the Town at a public hearing this Spring.

In connection with zoning, it should be remembered that the unique character of Weston can only be preserved by a strict zoning-law. The Board believes that one of its chief duties is the vigorous support of such a law, but the ultimate burden of support must come equally from every citizen.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Number of permits issued	220.00
Fees Collected	\$366.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Chapter 90 Construction. The new section on North Avenue from Merriam Street to a point opposite 432 North Avenue was opened to the public in November.

Chapter 90 Maintenance. Repair work and resurfacing were completed on a part of South Avenue between the Weston bridge and Cutter's Corner. The same type of work was done on North Avenue, Route 117, from Cedar Hill farm to a point opposite 270 North Avenue.

Maintenance of Streets. About twenty miles of streets were repaired and resurfaced during 1949, using fifty thousand gallons of asphalt and seventeen thousand and sixty-five tons of sand and pea stone.

A considerable amount of widening was done on Conant Road, Concord Road and Merriam Street by removing gravel banks and protruding ledges.

As a result of these widenings traffic hazards existing as these points have been reduced.

Streets resurfaced are as follows:

Chestnut Street	Maple Road
Church Street	Merriam Street
Conant Road	Ridgeway Road
Dean Road	School Street
Highland Street	Wellesley Street
Lexington Street	

Drainage. Several lengths of thirty-inch drain pipe and new catch basins were installed at the South Avenue public dump. Sections of drain pipe will be added as the dump fills in. The cost of installing this pipe will not be great as there is no excavating to be done.

One hundred and sixteen feet of pipe was added to the drainage system on River Road. New drains were also laid on Conant Road and Loring Road.

All catch basins, culverts and water ways were cleaned and repaired periodically during the year.

Traffic Control and Street Signs. New street and warnings signs have been placed where needed. Scotch-lite reflecting plates have been used to replace the glass button type used on trees and other objects that are hazards along the highways.

These plates are not expensive and if destroyed for any reason can be replaced at a lower cost than the glass type.

All existing traffic lines have been repainted.

Snow Removal. The cost of snow removal for 1949 was considerably less than for the preceeding years. To a large degree this was due to a milder winter.

We did not require the hiring of so many outside helpers or private trucks and plows. Our town equipment was kept in good condition, thus we were able to plow and sand continuously without break-downs.

We now have a stockpile of sand near the center of the Town. This will eliminate the hauling of sand from out-of-town pits when our trucks are needed for other work.

Fences. About one hundred and thirty feet of a new type corrugated sheet steel guard rail and several reinforced concrete posts were installed on Silver Hill Road parallel to the Boston and Maine railroad. This type of guard rail is considered much stronger and safer than cable and will not cause as much damage to automobiles coming in contact with it. One hundred and sixty feet of this new guard rail was also used to replace the old iron pipe fence at North Avenue and Viles Street. Cables were attached to the concrete posts opposite Cedar Hill Farm and about two hundred feet of cable and a number of concrete posts were installed on North Avenue between Church Street and Lexington Street.

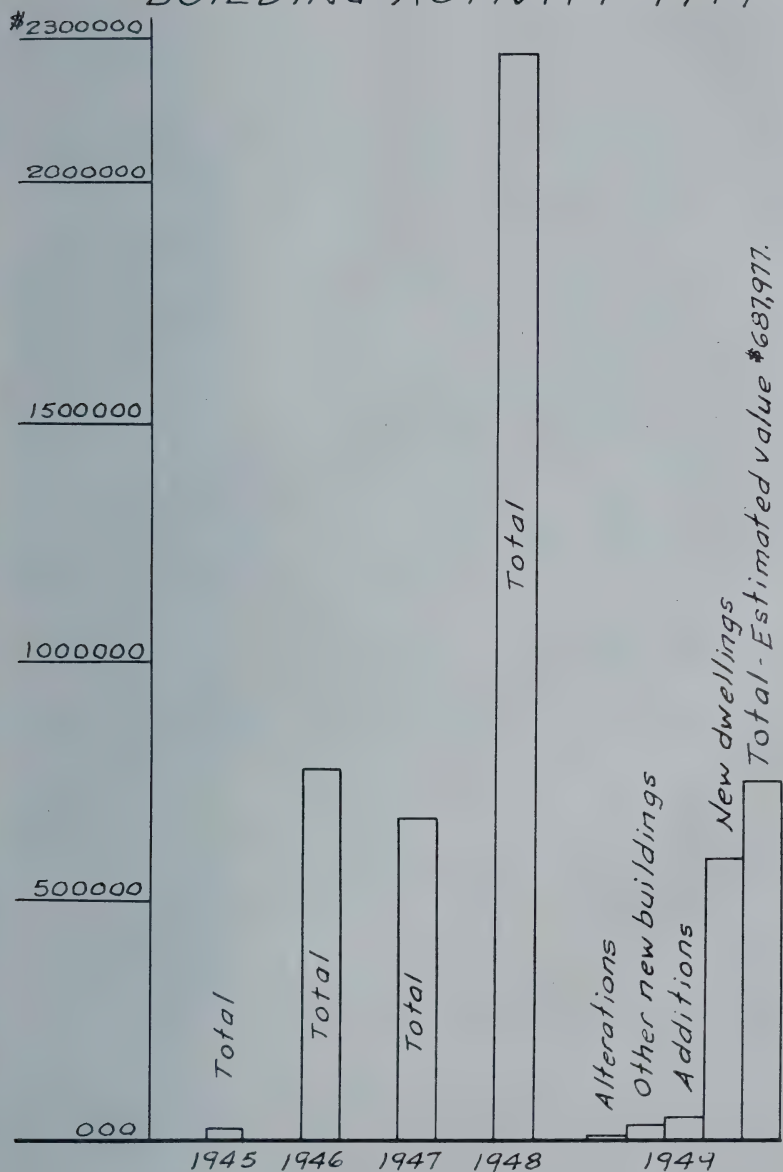
All concrete posts throughout the town have been cleaned and painted.

Brush. Brush bordering on all Town ways has been cut back several feet from the street lines. Bushes and hedges have been removed from corners and better highway vision is now possible.

Sidewalks. About seventeen hundred feet of sidewalks were repaired and resurfaced during the year. A new sidewalk was laid on Church Street from the entrance to the Weston R. R. station to a point opposite 72 Church Street.

Repairs and resurfacing were completed on walks on Wellesley, Newton and Viles Streets.

BUILDING ACTIVITY - 1949



1949

44 permits for new dwellings

7 permits for alterations

18 permits for additions

1 permit for dwelling remodeled from other building

15 permits for other new buildings

REPORT OF THE MOSQUITO COMMISSIONERS

The cooperative program of the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project for the elimination of pest mosquitoes made substantial progress throughout 1949. The hot dry summer kept to a minimum temporary control measures so that in 1950 more than half of the participating communities will be on simply a maintenance basis.

By reason of being a member of the E.M.M.C.P. Weston continues to receive extra value for its abatement appropriation; these values remain as noted in last year's report. The body of Commissioners, recognizing the difficulty of control work in Weston, have this year again suggested an appropriation of \$8,000.00 per year to bring Weston to maintenance status in a ten or twelve year period. Your Commissioner requests an appropriation of \$6,500.00 for 1950 recognizing Weston's difficult budget problems. This smaller amount has been accepted by the E.M.M.C.P. as sufficient for our continued membership. Such a figure will assure us of full annual control and some measure of gain on the long range program.

In order to take advantage of both State and Town projects, particularly those of the Highway Department; the permanent type of work was done late enough in the year that such costs appear in this report as estimate costs.

The fact that comment from every section of Town in regard to Mosquito control has been so enthusiastic despite our low budget last year indicates that not over \$4,000.00 per year is necessary for maintenance status for Weston.

1949 Balance—Deficit		\$467.87	
1949 Appropriation		5,000.00	
Delayed 1948 costs and current Engineering, Administration and Supervision and misc. payroll	\$1,691.76		
Labor	802.96		
Insecticide	335.72		
Air borne	1,016.26		
Annexation of Brookline Equipment	204.45		
Other Bills	205.54		
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	\$4,226.69	\$4,532.13	
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October 29, 1949. Balance			305.44
Delayed permanent ditching etc. area Conant Road swamp and Girl Scout Camp swamp 1949 and 1950. Estimated	1,800.00		
Estimated Deficit			\$1,494.56

It is of interest to note that since March of 1946, but not including this winter's work, the project has accomplished in Weston:

New Culvert	54 feet
New ditching	5,055 feet
Reclaimed ditches	16,985 feet
Clearance of brush for spraying	200 feet

In 1949 fifteen hundred and sixty-five gallons of liquid insecticide and forty-two pounds of dust were distributed.

Several questions in regard to spray, particularly airborne, have this year seen their answers here in town. In one area in particular an apiarist who had been much concerned about the spraying has reported absolutely no ill effects to his bees. In another section of town a bird fancier reports greater numbers this fall and winter than ever before. In short our justifiable caution is being satisfied that the experts who conclude that carefully controlled spraying is effective against the mosquito but without secondary disadvantages, are correct. It remains wise, however, for those individuals who are doing control work of their own to consult Mr. Armstrong, superintendent of the Project—his help is always willing and available.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Interments:	Residents	15	
	Non-residents	14	
	Total	29	
Receipts:	Sale of lots		\$425.00
	Sale of perpetual care		1,983.00
	Interments		852.00
	Care of lots		209.50
	Grave liners		286.00
	Foundations		245.00
	Miscellaneous		15.95
	Total		\$4016.45

Receipts from the sale of lots and perpetual care were added to the Sale of Lots Fund and to the Perpetual Care Fund. Other receipts, totalling \$1,608.45, were paid into the Town Treasury.

Total expenditures amounted to \$9,526.62, of which \$8,294.97 was for salaries and wages. After taking into account the receipts paid into the Town Treasury and the estimated interest on the Perpetual Care Fund (\$1,400.00) it would appear that the net cost of the cemetery was about \$6,500, or slightly less than in the previous year.

Due to the unusually dry summer and fall less mowing and weeding were needed than usual, and it was possible to make some progress in clearing the new tract of land which was purchased last year; but without additional help it will be some years before this work can be completed. In view of the very large expenditures with which the Town has been burdened in other directions it will continue to be our policy to keep the cemetery in fair usable condition at the least possible expense.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

New minimum regulations were promulgated by the State Department of Public Health, and these were adopted by the Board with one or two minor revisions.

The chief events in public health in Weston for the year 1949 were:

1. A birth rate of 13.9 with sixty-seven reported live births, a slight decline from the previous year.
2. A death rate of 4.8, based on twenty-three resident deaths, twenty of these being in the age group over sixty years. Only one death under one year was reported.
3. One hundred sixty-seven cases of dangerous, infectious disease were reported, showing a slight decline over the previous year. Only chicken pox reached epidemic proportions, there being a total of eighty-four cases, occurring chiefly in the late spring and early summer.
4. One hundred eighty-six dogs were inoculated at the regular clinic for the immunization of dogs against rabies. This service, offered at cost to owners of licensed dogs, should be more generally used.
5. Ten children of pre-school age were given the triple vaccine to immunize against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, and six school children were immunized against diphtheria. The Board of Health clinics play only a minor role today in immunization procedure because this is so adequately done by the private family physician.
6. 96.5% of the children enrolled in the public school were examined by the dental physician. There were two hundred ninety-eight patient visits to the Board of Health dental clinic, and five hundred seventy-seven dental treatments were performed.
7. Two hundred eight laboratory tests were performed, this being a decline from the previous year. The analysis of private water supplies showed a sharp increase in numbers.
8. There were seventeen complaints, all of which were investigated and resolved.

9. Sixty permits for the installation of facilities for disposal of sewage were issued, fifty-one installations being approved during the year. Eighty-two plumbing installations were approved during the year.

10. A report from the Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering gives twenty-seven dog bite cases investigated, four imported cattle examined, and five post mortem inspections made. In addition, inspections were made of all premises in Weston where live stock are kept.

From the standpoint of public health, the year 1949 was very satisfactory. The death rate was exceptionally low with no fatalities from an infectious cause, the age at death being extraordinarily high in most cases. The acute epidemic diseases of childhood were at a low level with the exception of chicken pox.

During the year the Board of Health has discussed and is investigating the desirability of establishing Well Child Conferences. It has also given further thought to the desirability of public garbage collection for the town.

The passage of the so-called "Union Health Bill" which permits cities and towns to combine so as to make possible to smaller communities the advantages of completely coordinated, modern health programs has been under consideration.

We recommend:

1. That the town provide for public collection of garbage.
2. That in the event the studies now being made indicate that it is feasible, that plans be made for the establishment of Well Child Conferences.
3. That the Community Council give thought to the employment of a part-time nutrition worker as a demonstration of the value of nutrition work in public health.
4. That the Board of Health and the community give consideration as to what Weston should do in connection with joining forces with other communities to maintain and improve its public health services.

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the year 128 Plumbing Permits were issued for new buildings and alterations work. Thirty-nine of the total permits were inspected by Mr. Fred E. Cookson, inspector of Plumbing for the Town of Needham, and alternate inspector for the Town of Weston. During Mr. Cookson's absence, the Board of Health has appointed Mr. Chester E. Bossellmann, of Needham as substitute alternate inspector.



SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Virtual completion of the new High School was effected in 1949, with only about 10% of the work remaining in the gymnasium wing, and the rest of the building in the final stages of carpentry and painting. At the end of November, the Building Committee decided that several months might be saved, and less disruption to the school program would result from a drive for occupancy after the Christmas vacation than by letting matters take their course. The cooperation of the School Committee was enlisted, and the architects pooled efforts with contractors for the month of December to expedite the handling of the many final details.

Classes began in the new building on January 5, 1950, approximately 15½ months from the breaking of ground on September 23, 1948. While the first two weeks were a battle with shavings, dust, and continued sounds of construction activity in most of the corridors and two or three classrooms, the School Staff rose to the occasion magnificently, and settled down to the new routines. It was a strain for everyone concerned, but the embattled workmen soon retired to the gymnasium wing and renewed the fight for completion. The ability of the acoustic ceilings to reduce the noise of all this activity to a minimum was impressive.

The Building Committee is sincerely appreciative of the cooperation of the School Staff in the final push as well as in the earlier serious work and study of requirements. All details of classrooms were discussed with the Staff, then drawn up by the architects and submitted for review. In most instances the Building Committee found it possible to conform substantially to the requests made by the Staff.

As has been emphasized many times, The Building Committee has made every effort to use all usable furniture and fixtures from the restored High School building. The percentage of success was very high, but the conclusion was reached that it would be unwise to bolt any classroom furniture to the floor, since it restricts both the capacity and the arrangement of rooms. Consequently, 110 desk-and-chair units and 25 typing desk units, all bolt-down furniture which was reconditioned after the fire, and which has since been in use, have been sold and replaced with new free-standing units. The gain is obvious even to the casual visitor to the school, and savings were made in other furniture requirements as an offset.

The six stoves in the cooking room were replaced by new units under very favorable arrangements with the Boston Consolidated Gas Company and the Boston Edison Company, assuring that the most modern appliances will be in use on a continuing basis. No trade-in was required, and the Committee took steps to make the old stoves available to the Veterans Housing program if desired.

This is the largest single project ever entrusted to a group of its citizens by the Town of Weston, and every departure from the intentions

originally submitted and approved has been weighed carefully from the standpoint of the taxpayers as well as that of sound education. The size of the project made necessary a fair amount of flexibility in the original appropriation, and the Committee has treated its responsibility in the spirit in which it was given. Last year's annual report listed several basic changes and improvements which the Committee decided upon in 1948. Only two additional decisions of financial importance were reached in 1949.

The ground floor of the gymnasium wing was originally designed to be two feet higher than the ground floor of the rest of the school, and the automotive shop floor was designed at the same level as the wood-working shop. Ramps were required at both places. Extras of approximately \$1,000. corrected these two situations, and the locker rooms gained the additional advantage of 12 foot ceilings.

While the prevailing treatment of inside walls is simple painted cinder block or concrete block, with plaster only where necessary, the heavily travelled sections of the building, including the main entrance and the stair towers seemed to demand a material easier to maintain. Careful consideration of this matter convinced the Committee that the use of structural glazed tile at these points justified an extra of \$6,606. because of the considerable annual saving in housekeeping and painting costs.

One important change in 1949 was the redesignation of the graphic arts room as a mechanical drawing room. The school is not presently equipped to teach graphic arts (printing, etc.), and the room was found to be adaptable for mechanical drawing. The result was to free a general purpose classroom in the shop area.

Three of the classrooms in the building are considered by the Committee as not necessary for the accommodation of the present population and program of the High School and Junior High School, and will therefore be available for future growth.

Many matters of give and take caused revisions to the contract, as might be expected. In most cases the adjustments made by Farina Brothers Inc. and the various subcontractors seemed fair and considerate. The Committee rejected all proposed changes for which the cost seemed excessive, except where there was no other recourse. In many cases, an alternative solution provided a reasonable answer.

Mention should be made of the high quality of the engineering services engaged by the architects in the drawing of plans. A special tribute is due Harold B. Willis, who performed many functions as a citizen which could not have been demanded of him as an architect.

A detail of the expenditures at this point, or even a summary thereof, would be relatively meaningless. The Committee believes that the \$925,000, voted by the Town is sufficient to complete and adequately furnish the building, and invites study of any of its expenditures by any voter at the Town Hall. A final report will be filed later.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

This Annual Report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31st, 1949 is based upon records and studies of the Committee and reports of various members of the staff (these staff reports may be examined at the Superintendent's office).

Organization of Committee

At a special Town Meeting on January 24, 1949 the Town voted to enlarge the membership of the School Committee from three to five members. At the Annual Town Meeting three new members were elected: Mr. Howard Gambrill, Jr. and Mr. William W. Gallagher, Jr., each for a term of three years, and Mrs. Mary C. Nichols for one year. Thereupon on March 23rd at the first meeting of the School Committee Anthony Brayton was elected Chairman and Mortimer T. Farley, Secretary.

General Objectives and Policies

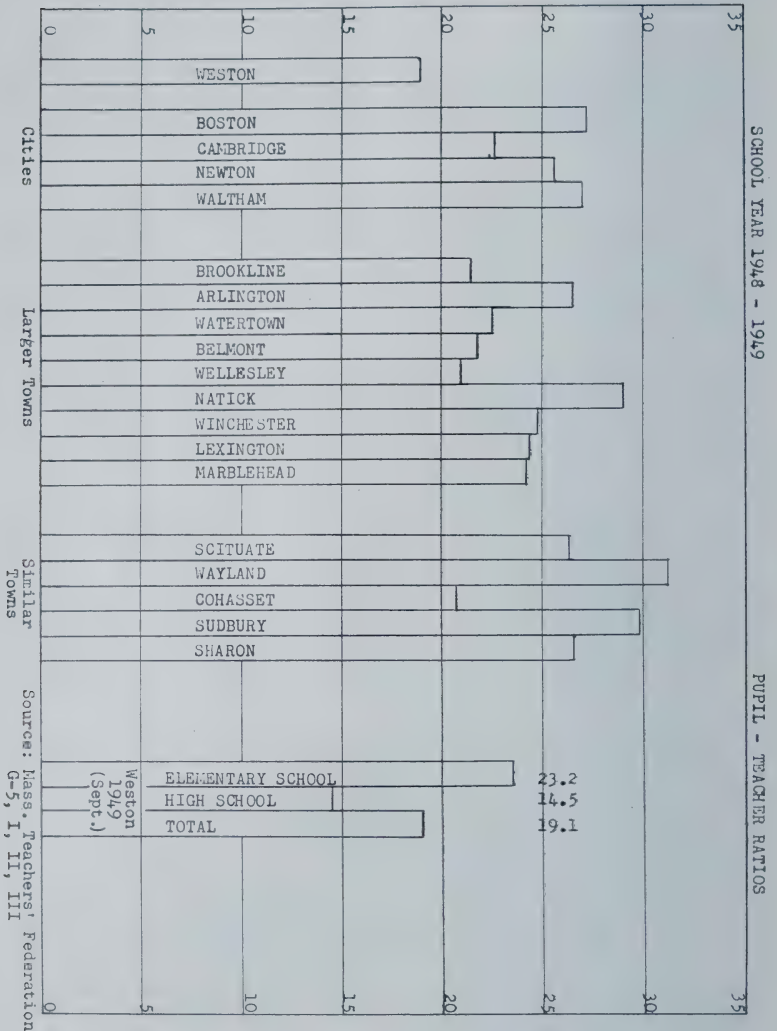
No action has been taken toward revising the general objectives and policies as stated by the school committee last year on pages 110-113, 119 of the 1948 Town Report. We want policies which will be satisfactory educationally, economically and otherwise. We plan to give this problem concentrated study.

One condition in the high school which concerns us not only economically but also educationally is the broad diversification of courses of study offered.

Some of these policies directly control the annual operating costs of the school. The accompanying chart "Cost of Day School" shows ours to be the second most expensive public school in the State. While part of this cost is attributable to our comparatively high teachers' salary schedule (see "Salaries" below) we believe that portion to be warranted as we must attract the finest teachers.

A primary factor in the cost is the extremely low number of pupils per teacher. The results are illustrated in the accompanying chart called "Pupil-Teacher Ratios." These ratios not only affect a large portion of the annual operating costs of the school but also establish the number of classrooms needed in both schools and particularly in the elementary school. If the policies stated last year are followed without deviation a very considerable new elementary building program will be required almost at once as may be seen below under "Growth." The willingness and ability of the town to provide these added facilities will determine whether the school committee, even if it desires to continue the stated limits on the number of pupils per teacher, will be able physically to do so—that is, whether there will be a sufficient number of classrooms.

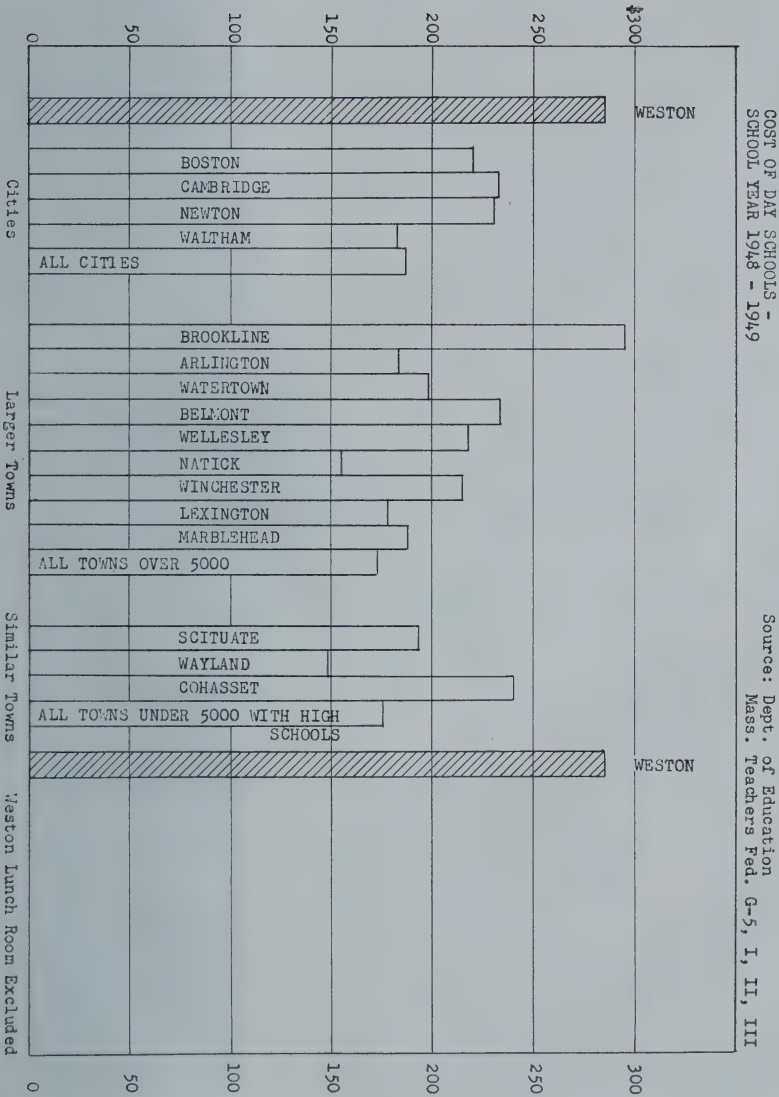
Number of Pupils (Ave. Membership)-Full Time Classroom Teacher



This problem is already on us. The school committee proposes to draw up the facts as clearly as possible and present them to the Town in the coming months so that a wise and generally acceptable decision may be reached.

Developments in 1949

Except for the expansion of the Music and Art program in both schools and the Physical Education program in the elementary school,



there have been no changes of substantial import in the program or curriculum for the schools during the past year. For details of the activities in the two schools you are invited to read the reports of the administrative staff.

In general, the main development in 1949 has been the continuance, and more intensively so, of the staff studies of the curriculum. Each area of the program is being studied by one or another group of teachers. These studies include evaluation and revision. This group study is a workshop method providing an in-service training of the teachers. The only worthwhile and thoroughly understood curriculum is one that is created through teacher participation. The work has developed to the preliminary report stage and what is learned "today" through these studies is applied in the classroom "today". Already much has been accomplished in making the classroom work more dynamic and effective.

Growth in Number of Pupils

The enrollment in the elementary school in September 1949 was 501 as compared to 463 the previous year.

In the high school the enrollment increased from 276 to 291. This offsets by an equal number the decrease in 1948 as compared to 1947. Of the 26 pupils leaving our high school by September, 1949 only 14 left to attend private schools. This is offset by 23 new students enrolling in our high school of whom 7 transferred from private schools.

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS, SCHOOL YEAR 1948-1949

Grade or Room	*Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
XII	40	38.65	37.17	96.15
XI	42	40.20	37.94	94.38
X	45	44.80	42.97	95.91
IX	50	48.81	46.50	95.28
VIII	53	52.34	50.12	95.75
VII	51	49.71	47.46	95.48
VI	63	60.56	56.77	93.73
V	63	58.56	54.20	92.53
IV	65	59.92	55.40	92.44
III	82	73.04	66.82	91.49
II	76	68.51	62.31	90.94
I	64	57.64	51.66	89.62
Kindergarten	84	78.55	66.12	84.19
Remedial	12	7.89	7.50	95.07
TOTAL	790	739.18	682.94	92.42

* Number of different pupils enrolled during the year.

SCHOOL CENSUS, OCTOBER 1, 1949

	Ages 3-5		Ages 5-7		Ages 7-14		Ages 14-16		Age 16 and over		Totals
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Public School	7	5	85	86	247	196	48	52	35	32	793
Private Schools	30	21	11	15	36	31	23	10	29	28	234
Institutions			1		1	1					3
Not in School	54	69	1	1							125
Totals	91	95	98	102	284	228	71	62	64	60	1155
Census Totals											
for 1948	76	76	76	86	273	214	70	63	63	57	1054
for 1947	74	79	86	68	260	208	71	70	62	51	1030
for 1946	62	61	89	58	260	200	59	74	36	24	923
for 1945	66	57	73	63	244	202	56	69	26	23	879

A detailed study has been made by the Superintendent of Town population, births, dwellings and school enrollment for the past years and estimates forecast for the next five years. The total enrollment of the elementary school and the number of classrooms in the past and those estimated for the future are as follows:

Year	Enrollment	No. of Classrooms
Sept. 1947	407	18
Sept. 1948	463	18
Sept. 1949	501	20
Sept. 1950	544	22-23
Sept. 1951	587	25
Sept. 1952	626	26
Sept. 1953	672	28
Sept. 1954	626 plus	30
	Kindergarten	

With the increased enrollment in the high school in grades VII and VIII, we are approaching the point where an additional section in each of these two grades will become necessary. This will absorb some of the available classrooms in the high school and will require additional teachers.

Teaching Staff

In September, 1949 the teaching staff was increased by two elementary classroom teachers and by a physical education teacher for the elementary school.

During 1949 the following teachers left our staff:

Mrs. Alice S. Baylies (Grade III)
 Mr. Edward M. Ferry (Social Studies)
 Mrs. Teresa Fitzgerald (Grade II)
 Mrs. Vera F. Gurland (Physical Education)
 Mrs. Alice S. Jansen (Kindergarten)
 Mr. Harry Kechejian (Industrial Arts)
 Mr. Paul A. Ladabouche (Music)
 Mrs. Marjorie W. Linvill (Grade IV)
 Miss Jane E. Peters (Commercial)
 Mrs. Ervel O. Ward (Art)

The new teachers added to the staff during 1949 are included in the complete list for September, 1949:

Name	Position or Subjects Taught	Appointed First Year To Staff
Thomas E. Rush	Superintendent	1947

HIGH SCHOOL

Julius H. Mueller, Jr.	Principal, High School	1945
Robert J. Carini	Biology, Math., Asst. - Coach	1946
Elizabeth P. Cobb	Home Economics	1932
Charles K. Cummings, Jr.	Guidance Director, Social Studies	1942
Henry W. DeRusha	English	1948
Helen B. Green	Mathematics	1916
Catherine A. Howard	Physical Education, Girls' Coach	1949
John S. Huddleston	Social Studies	1949
Vilette O. Lawrence	Librarian	1948
Mildred L. Marble	Geography, Science	1930
Marybeth McDonnell	Commercial	1949
Charles F. Medford	Mathematics	1947
Malcolm C. Oliver	Industrial Arts, Mechanical Drawing	1949
Edith L. Pierce	English	1948
John S. Proctor	Director Physical Education, Coach	1934
Wallace W. Sawyer	Asst Principal High School, Science	1931
Rachel L. Spear	Latin, English	1937
Aimo H. Teittinen	Industrial Arts, Mechanical Drawing	1939
Theresa M. Zamprogno	French	1946
John W. Zorn	English, Speech Arts, Dramatics	1940

Name	Position or Subjects Taught	Appointed First Year To Staff
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
Thomas H. McFarlin	Principal, Elementary School	1944
Richard T. Grimley	Grade VI	1948
Lena C. McGann	Grade VI	1936

Marjorie O. Burrill	Grade V	1945
Florence Rowley	Grade V	1938
Adria M. Allen	Grade IV	1949
Barbara Mitchell	Grade IV	1948
Marjorie Small	Grade IV	1949
Elizabeth Grant	Grade III	1949
Helen U. Kennedy	Grade III	1948
Katherine A. O'Hearn	Grade III	1948
Jeanne J. Falzone	Grade II	1947
Mary V. Phelan	Grade II	1947
Katherine L. Devereaux	Grade I	1948
Evelyn A. Hartig	Grade I	1949
Lucy D. Tinker	Grade I	1929
Priscilla M. Wylie	Grade I	1949
Alma E. Andrews	Kindergarten	1942
Ruth S. Spicer	Kindergarten	1949
Vida C. Strahan	Kindergarten	1931
Ruth R. Spencer	Remedial	1946
Matthew Rauch	Physical Education	1949

Supervisors

William H. Taunton	Music (3 days a week)	1930
Will C. Riggs	Music (5 days a week)	1949
Alice M. Olliff	Art (5 days a week)	1949

For the school year commencing 1950 the School Committee anticipates the need for additional teachers. We have included in our budget funds to provide three additional teachers, two in the elementary school and one for grades VII and VIII.

Salary Policies

There have been no changes during the year in the salary policy for teachers. The policy adopted in May 1948 seems to be adequate to enable us to maintain a good quality of teachers. At this time we anticipate no need during 1950 for a revision of the salary policy.

Briefly the salary schedule in Weston is as follows:

	Class I Bachelor's Degree or the equivalent	Class II Master's Degree or the equivalent
Teachers		
Minimum	\$2,200.	\$2,350.
Maximum Women	3,900.	4,100.
Maximum Men	4,500.	4,700.
Principals		
Minimum	3,500.	—
Maximum	—	5,700.

Special Teachers—As determined by School Committee.

Superintendent of Schools—As determined by School Committee.

Annual Increment—Normal \$150. with more for outstanding service.

Secretaries—No schedule, now paying \$1,900.-\$2,000.

Custodians—No schedule, now paying \$2,600-\$3,100.

We have sought to find some comparisons which will give the Town a picture of this salary schedule in relation to others in the Commonwealth. Using, as a yardstick, the maximum for "women teachers with a bachelor's degree" in the elementary school, we find only 6 cities and 2 towns higher than Weston. While more cities and towns have higher maximums for high school teachers salaries, our average staff salary (teachers, principals, and supervisors) last year of \$3301.00 was exceeded by only 13 cities and 5 towns. Thus, our salaries should attract fine teachers.

Other Staff Members

Dr. W. T. Van Huysen resigned as School Physician. In the last week of December we employed two new assistant custodians because of the opening of the new high school.

The other staff members now are:

Dr. David H. Reid, School Physician

Dr. Donald I. Campbell, School Physician

Miss Catherine E. Richards, School Nurse

Mr. Erlon A. Merrill, Custodian

Mr. Thomas C. Clarke, Assistant Custodian

Mr. William F. MacLeod, Assistant Custodian

Mr. Leonard A. Poe, Assistant Custodian

Mr. Roy F. Wales, Assistant Custodian

Mr. John A. Cain, Assistant Custodian (Part time)

Mrs. Marian B. Gibson, Lunch Room Manager

Miss Mildred J. Hayden, Secretary

Mrs. Ruth Moller, Secretary

Miss Nancy Van Heest, Secretary

In connection with the lunchroom additional employees will be procured as soon as the high school cafeteria is available for use.

Through cooperation with the police the school buildings are watched every night, Sunday and holiday. During the cold weather when the boilers have to be tended, a janitor is on hand. At other times the police make frequent calls.

Buildings

The main event in connection with the school buildings during 1949 was the construction of the new high school. The staff spent Christmas vacation 1949 moving their equipment into the new school

building for opening immediately after New Year's. Although at the opening the school will occupy only the classroom part of the new building, the gymnasium and cafeteria will be available shortly.

During 1949 both the elementary school and high school occupied the old buildings—the restored building, the grammar building, the primary building and the Case House. In September 1949, to provide two additional classrooms for the elementary school, the assembly hall was partitioned off into two temporary classrooms.

The year 1950 will present various housing problems for the elementary school. The School Committee desires to close up, if possible, one or both of the old grammar and primary buildings. The restored building and the Case House, however, will not provide the twenty classrooms necessary until June. We will probably be forced to use one or two classrooms in either the grammar or primary buildings.

Commencing in September 1950 it will probably be necessary to find twenty-two classrooms in all for elementary use,—that means another two classrooms. The Committee is studying the possibility of housing some of the elementary school classes in the new high school building. There may be two rooms available there. While the rooms in the new high school will be small and will not have all the facilities desirable for elementary school classrooms, it may be more economical to use them than to use rooms in either of the old buildings.

The question of the elementary school cafeteria is still a problem, and a complicated one. The Committee may be prepared to make a recommendation for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting.

Lunchroom

During 1949 no lunchroom facilities were available. The so-called "milk program" was operated providing milk to go with the children's sandwiches. It is expected that with the opening of the new high school building a full "hot lunch" will be provided in the high school cafeteria to the pupils in that building.

Unless some place is provided in the elementary school building as a cafeteria to distribute "hot lunches", there will be no "hot lunches" provided for the elementary school during 1950.

Use of School Property by Public

Use of the gymnasium, assembly hall, library, classrooms, shop and Case house by various Town organizations has continued as usual.

Transportation

The new school buses under contract for the opening of school in September 1949 are included in this list:

Contractors	Make	Bus Year	Contract Expires
Miss McCauliffe	Ford	1938	June 1950
Miss McCauliffe	Chevrolet	1948	June 1951
Mr. Raynor	Reo	1948	June 1951

Mr. Raynor	Reo	1949	June 1952
Mr. Raynor	Reo	1949	June 1952
Mr. Cronin	Dodge	1938	June 1950

New buses have smaller capacity than those produced in the 1930's. The small capacity with the increased enrollment may necessitate in September 1950 the procurement of a seventh bus, some buses having a third trip to and from school, or making more children walk to school. We think the budget includes sufficient funds to provide for an additional bus, if one is necessary.

State aid for school bus transportation largely offsets the increased costs of school transportation. In effect, the State pays entire cost in excess of \$5.00 per child of school age resident in the town. Thus, the transportation bill paid by the town is about \$4,500; the rest is paid by the State, partly in the current year and partly in the next year.

Under new law it will be necessary to let out for bids all school bus contracts in the future. This will apply to the two contracts expiring in June 1950. What effect this will have on the cost and quality of transportation commencing September 1950 is uncertain.

Class of 1949

The Annual Graduation Exercises of Weston High School were held in the Town House on Friday evening, June 10, 1949. This was an earlier date than in past years and came about as a result of a change in policy with respect to graduation of seniors. Under the new policy, seniors finish formal classwork and examinations two weeks before the regular closing date for the school as a whole. The following week is set aside as Senior Week during which such special activities as Class Day, Senior Outing, and Graduation rehearsals are held, with graduation being the final activity of the week. The new plan worked exceedingly well and will be continued in the future.

The Class which numbered 39 members developed their graduation program around the theme of "Tolerance". In addition to short original essays on the general topic, a playlet entitled "John Doe" was presented, serving to highlight in a most pleasing and dramatic fashion the need for our developing a more tolerant attitude as a nation.

Diplomas were awarded to the following:

†Joanne Alexander	Joseph A. MacDonald
*Louise Anthony	David James Martin
Arthur Charles Barker	Rosemarie Morse
Edith Ann Blaney	Richard Alan Murray
George J. Brouillette, Jr.	Frederick Jackson Perkins
Robert Bruce Campbell	‡Josephine Suzanne Pollock
Alta Helen Chamberlin	Diana Potter
Barbara Ann Cook	Dorothy Lorraine Ritter
Shirley Anne Cunningham	Fritz Albert Ritter

Roland Innes Dickson	Vilma Jaye Rogers
Andrew Joseph Dougherty	William Francis Sherburne
John Cooke Dowd, Jr.	Henry Sands Slayter, III
Frances Maxine Edmunds	Maureen Helen Stevens
Marion Ruth Gage	Dana Parker Stewart
Douglas Hammond	David C. Stewart
Daniel Howard Hildebrand	Edward M. Toland
Charles Milton Howell	Robert Karl vanLeer
Barbara Ann LaCoy	Albert Thomas Waugh, Jr.
John Mendell Lewis	Honey Whitney
	Dorothy Deawn Young

*First Honors

†Second Honors

‡Third Honors

A recent survey of the post-graduation activities of the members of the Class of 1949 reveals that approximately 28 of the class are continuing their education. Of this number approximately 15 are attending regular four-year degree granting colleges. The following table summarizes the post-graduation activities of the Class of 1949.

Attending College	15	Attending Schools of Nursing	3
Attending Teachers College	0	Other Specialized Schools	1
Attending Junior College	1	Working	7
Attending Preparatory School	2	At home	3
Attending Secretarial School	6	Armed Services	1

As their gift to the school, the Class of 1949 left money to purchase an electric time-stamp for the school office. Incidentally, this very practical gift has been giving valuable service since the opening of school in September.

Scholarships and Prizes

Scholarships from the Horace S. Sears Scholarship Fund were awarded to three boys in the graduating class. Recipients of these awards and the school each is attending are: Richard Murray, now attending Boston University General College; Charles Howell, now attending Northeastern University; and H. Sands Slayter, now enrolled as a freshman at M.I.T.

The Women's Community League Scholarships were awarded to the following girls in the graduating class: Louise Anthony, who is continuing her studies at Pembroke College; Joanne Alexander, who is attending Bates College; and to Josephine Pollock and to Marion R. Gage, both of whom are now attending Nurses Training Schools, the former at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and the latter at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

David Stewart of the graduating class was awarded the Charles J. Paine Scholarship and is now in his Freshman year at Harvard College.

The Washington and Franklin Certificate for excellence in the study of United States History, awarded annually by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, was won by Charles Howell, '49.

The Good Citizenship Certificate and Pin, awarded annually by the Daughters of the American Revolution was presented to Shirley Anne Cunningham, '49.

The Weston Post American Legion prize of \$10 for the best examination on the Constitution of the United States was won by Charles Howell, '49.

The winners in the Annual Sears Essay Contest, held in accordance with the terms of the will of Horace P. Sears, were:

First Prize	Andrew Joseph Dougherty, '49
Second Prize	Josephine Suzanne Pollock, '49
Third Prizes	Louise Anthony, '49
	Edith Ann Blaney, '49
	John Cooke Dowd, Jr. '49

Participation in the Sears Essay Contest is limited to seniors. The topic selected for the 1949 Sears Essay Contest was "Should the Federal Government Outlaw the Communist Party and all Communist Organizations?"

The Harvard Book Prize given annually by the Harvard Club of Boston to the boy in the Junior Class who, in the estimation of his classmates and members of the faculty, is deemed worthy of the award by virtue of outstanding scholarship and character, was presented at the annual Class Day Exercises to Peter B. Green, '50.

Tuition Pupils

Tuition pupils in the high school now number twenty-two. This is a decrease of eight as compared to last year. This results largely from refusing admission to tuition pupils in the 7th and 8th grades because of classroom emergencies. The towns represented and the number of pupils attending from each are:

	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
Lincoln	19	21	18
Sudbury	1	2	1
Wayland	10	3	1
Waltham	5	4	2
	—	—	—
Total	35	30	22

This year we have admitted no tuition pupils in the elementary school because of the large enrollment.

The tuition rate in high school was increased in September from \$225 to \$250 and will be increased further to \$275 to begin at the beginning of September, 1950. The presence of tuition pupils in no way tends to increase the cost of administration, transportation, salaries or program. Any increased cost comes through the use of a small amount of additional supplies.

Unexpended Balances

On December 31st each year that portion of the school budget which remains unexpended passes out of control of the School Committee, goes into the Town's surplus, and is available to reduce the tax rate for the succeeding year if the Town, the Assessors, and the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation so decide. This year the unexpended balance is unusually large, partly due to provisions for opening of the new high school in September, 1949. Money provided in the budget for janitors, supplies, heat, etc. remains unexpended.

The amounts of the unexpended balances of the operating budgets (excluding Lunchroom and Miscellaneous items) for the last few years are:

1947	\$1,146.
1948	652.
1949	5,942.

Comments on the Budget

The actual appropriations for the school operating budgets for 1947 and 1948 (exclusive of fire items) and 1949 and the budget for 1950 are:

Item	1947	1948	1949	1950	Change
Salaries	\$130,700.	\$151,325.	\$174,767.	\$190,689.	\$15,922.
Other Expenses	29,500.	38,052.	38,293.	43,105.	4,812.
Transportation	12,000.	12,000.	17,500.	20,000.	2,500.
School Lunch	26,500.	22,000.	16,500.	18,250.	1,750.
Miscellaneous	1,072.	1,535.	1,590.	2,290.	700.

The increase in "salaries" is due to:

1. The addition of three new teachers in September, 1949 (two elementary classrooms and one elementary physical education).
2. Salary revisions September, 1949.
3. Expansion of music and art program to five days a week in September, 1949.
4. Provision for three additional classroom teachers in September, 1950.
5. Provision for additional janitors for new high school commencing January, 1950.
6. Provision for salary revisions during 1950.

The increase in "other expenses" is due largely to:

1. Provision for a hygienic towel program in the gymnasium.
2. Provision for underground sprinklers for the new athletic field.

The increase in the amount of the item for "transportation" is explained previously in the report under the section called "Transportation".

The increase in the amount of the appropriation for the "school lunchroom" results from the change from the milk program to the hot lunch program, particularly at the high school.

Receipts and Credits — School Department

This year the actual receipts and credits received by the Town on account of the property under the charge of the School Department during the calendar year 1949 as compared to those for 1947 and 1948 were:

	1947	1948	1949
1. School Funds and State Aid for Public Schools in accordance with Chapter 70, General Laws.	\$7,626.80	\$7,893.10	\$21,033.04
2. State reimbursement on account of transportation Section 7A, Chapter 70, General Laws.	6,549.99	9,266.82	11,707.80
3. Tuition	7,040.82	6,677.99	6,027.50
4. Lunchroom Cash Sales	17,624.77	8,670.04	5,842.68
5. State reimbursement for tuition paid Vocational Schools	409.54	376.09	621.31
State Reimbursements	4,421.27	2,105.94	1,285.42
6. Miscellaneous Gym rental, telephone, lost and damaged books, etc.	504.48	260.03	444.04
TOTALS	\$44,177.67	\$35,250.01	\$46,961.79

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The board organized for 1949 by choosing Mr. Palmer chairman and Miss Fiske secretary.

We again extend our thanks to the staff for their fine work during the year. The regular staff is now as follows:

Librarian — Miss Judith E. Stromdahl
 Assistant Librarian and Cataloguer — Miss Solglad Burtch
 Children's Librarian — Miss Margaret E. Mosher
 Assistant — Mrs. Effie A. Merrill
 Janitor — Mr. John A. Cain

Further steps in our program of repair and improvement of the library buildings were taken. Electrical work included replacement of obsolete wiring throughout the basement stack rooms and corridors and

the boiler room, installation of a new circuit panel and feed, modernization of fixtures in the children's room and other rooms, and various miscellaneous improvements. Painting of the interior of the building was begun and is still in progress.

The year 1949 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the library building. For many years after the establishment of the library in 1857, it was housed in the town hall. Following repeated representations of the urgent need for better accommodations for the library, the Town at the annual town meeting in March 1899, voted for the appointment of a special committee to obtain plans, specifications and estimates for a new building. At a special town meeting in August, 1899, the recommendations of the committee were adopted, the sum of \$40,000, to be raised by borrowing, was appropriated, and the same committee was empowered to construct and furnish a new library building. The site had already been acquired by the Town in 1894. The new building was completed and occupied in the fall of 1900. In reports for that year, the Trustees mentioned that it was "fulfilling all their expectations for the convenience, pleasure, and well-being of the residents of the town"; and the Librarian said: "The new building speaks for itself to all who enter it. The many strangers who have visited it, as well as the people of Weston who come more often, all agree in praising its beautiful and convenient rooms." And during the ensuing half century the building has fully justified this praise. With only a few alterations of consequence, it has served the Town well despite trebling of the book collection, quadrupling of the circulation, the founding and development of the children's department, and extensive changes in library practices; and with proper improvement and enlargement in due course it should continue to do so for an indefinite future period. We desire to record here our appreciation of the work of the citizens who participated in the erection of the building and of the skill and foresight of its architect, the late Alexander S. Jenney.

We invite the attention of the townspeople to a historical sketch of the library by Miss Emma F. Ripley, and to reminiscences by Miss Maude M. Pennock, former Librarian, of her thirty-six years at the library, both presented at the annual open house in November. Copies may be obtained at the library.

Appended to this report is the annual report of the Librarian, Miss Judith E. Stromdahl, giving a detailed account of the activities of the library during 1949.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

A young lady, attractive, well-dressed, apparently intelligent, stopped at the Librarian's desk one day and asked, "Do you suppose you could use another assistant? I have always wanted to work in a library; it must be fun. It looks so easy and it certainly doesn't take many brains just to read the books and stamp them out to the public".

Just as hopeless as it was to try to explain to this young lady the program of the library and the work of the Librarian is the task of evaluating a year's work and the service the library may have rendered.

The library offers information service and recreational reading as well as informal adult education through reading guidance to individuals; it offers materials on questions of the hour to the adult citizens, and to the children and young people service directed toward fostering good reading habits and an appreciation of books and the development of good citizenship. To what extent did the people of Weston make use of these facilities during the past year?

In 1949, the Weston Library circulated 44,750 volumes, answered approximately 1,003 reference questions, reserved 2,441 specific titles for its readers, and borrowed 185 books not included in the Weston library collection from other libraries for use by Weston library borrowers. 239 new adult borrowers were registered during the year.

Circulation

It was gratifying to note a distinct gain in the book circulation for the year; 2,540 more books were borrowed by the public in 1949 than during 1948. Both the adult and juvenile departments shared in this gain.

Reference

As usual, requests for a wide variety of information were received. These requests came from high school pupils, college students, and adults interested in tracking down information of one kind or another. Just for illustrative purposes, a few of these subject requests are being mentioned. Material was sought on perpetual motion, ancient philosophers, new drugs, child labor, costume of the Persians, the Baruch plan, criticism of Barrie's works, clipper ships, state and federal constitutions, mosques and Greek temples, origin of plum pudding, barometers, under water tunnels, weather balloons, map showing the religions of 1600, atomic energy, socialism in England, growth of the population in the U. S. by states, labor relations, Elizabethan England, space travel, Seminole Indians, French painters, socialized medicine, Salem witchcraft, history of housing, communism, stammering, civil disobedience, race relations, races of mankind, national ski patrol, and so on and on.

To aid in answering questions of current interest, a vertical file of pamphlets and clippings has been organized and has proved a valuable addition to the reference service.

Reserves

Any borrower may place a reserve for any title in the library collection, new or old, which is not a reference book. As soon as the

book comes in, the borrower is notified, either by telephone or by postal card, and the book is held 48 hours. In addition to this system, each week a few of the new books are placed on a table in the Reading Room for one week and reserves may be left by those interested. During 1949, a slight change in this latter procedure was made. Fiction titles are no longer included for display. This change was made in order to make the new titles available to the public as soon as possible.

Children's Work

One of the most important phases of library service is the work with children. The children's room is an active center, a vital place in the community where real citizenship and social consciousness can be awakened and developed. The selection of books for any children's collection is of paramount importance and those responsible must know children, their activities, dreams and ideals, and they must be able to select the "cream" of each season's output of books.

During 1949, 15,717 volumes were circulated from the Rosamond Freeman Room, as the Children's Room of the Weston Public Library is called, an increase in circulation of 1,307 books over 1948.

The children as well as the adults have their reference questions to ask and their requests for books on special subjects to make. During the past year, for example, they have come to the library for books on pioneer life, astronomy, shells, sea life, Indians, birds, colonial life, horse stories, career stories, knights and knighthood, birdhouses, great men, Christmas customs of many lands, parties, and so forth. Parents, teachers, boy and girl scouts have come for one reason or another, and Sunday school teachers have sought material and stories to use with their class groups. And some of the most eager borrowers have been the tiny tots, too young to read, who have come with their parents for stories of trains, airplanes and other subjects fascinating to their growing minds.

As in former years, work with the schools has been carried on. Classes have visited the library regularly and have been given instruction in the use of the library and have been introduced to hitherto unknown materials and books, opportunities and services offered by the library. Even the first and second grade classes have come and these have been introduced to books through picture book and story hours. Collections of books for class room use have been sent each month to all primary and elementary grades of the public schools as well as to the private nursery schools.

In order to increase the working efficiency of the children's department, a modern charging system was installed during the summer of 1949. New book pockets and new book cards were made for every book in the department by Miss Margaret Mosher, the Children's Librarian, and new date slips introduced. Also to increase the efficiency of the department, a new registration system has been inaugurated. When

completed, an accurate count of the number of boys and girls using the childrens room will be available.

Special Events

One of the outstanding events of the year was the visit of Mr. C. A. McCallum, Librarian of the State Library, Victoria, Australia, to the Weston library. The Australian Librarian, visiting the United States for seven weeks on a Carnegie grant to study libraries, was routed around by the American Library Association and the State Department in Washington. His visit to Massachusetts included a visit to Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Simmons College School of Library Science and the Division of Public Libraries, Massachusetts Department of Education, and two public libraries. The two libraries selected were the Boston Public Library, for obvious reasons, and the Weston Public Library as one of the outstanding small libraries of the State.

Another item of interest was the open house held on Thursday evening, November 17, attended by approximately one hundred friends and borrowers of the library. Special features of this event were a brief historical sketch of the library presented by Miss Emma Ripley, and library reminiscences given by the former librarian, Miss Maude Pennock. Mr. Grant M. Palmer, Jr., chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, presided over the meeting and introduced the speaker, Mrs. Anna Coombs, who spoke on "A Bit of Sweden and Lapland".

There is always an interest in exhibits on the part of the people of Weston. In February, through the cooperation of Mr. Thomas E. Rush, Superintendent of Schools, a display of historic dioramas by Theodore B. Pitman, was obtained from Filene's of Boston. Subject matter of these models was taken from historical incidents in Weston and thirteen surrounding towns. In the spring, the Children's Art Center of Weston opened a two weeks exhibit with a tea, and in May the students of Mrs. Harold Kaler, of Weston, exhibited their work in decorative art. Mr. Henry Davenport, Miss Joan Brouillette and Mrs. Charles Gorely, Jr., also loaned a number of displays.

Mention should also be made of the Weston Garden Club, the members of which kept the library attractive with flowers and other decorations from early summer through December. This service was much appreciated by staff and public alike.

Changes and Improvements

One very satisfactory improvement was made during 1949 in connection with the library's magazine files. It has been customary to keep a number of the magazines to which the library subscribes for a period of five years for use in reference work. Until the past year, these magazines have been tied together by year and piled up on shelves in the lower

stacks. To facilitate use and in order to keep the magazines in better condition, pamphlet boxes were purchased and during 1949 the magazines arranged in these boxes alphabetically on the shelves. A much neater and more easily accessible file of periodicals is the result.

The card catalogue has also been modernized by new "title tab guides" which make the catalogue easier to use.

New fluorescent lights have been installed in the children's room and in the reference alcove and the electric wiring throughout the lower stacks and hallways has been modernized.

A Look Ahead

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood, and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work." The public library is an important public service agency which must be geared to the times, ready to meet the demands and opportunities of the months ahead. The Weston Public Library hopes the people of the Town feel this is true of their library. Plans for the future are being made. They may not be realized, but the primary aim is to make the library a source of inspiration and information, a clearing house and information center for all its citizens.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1949

The table which follows this report shows comparative statistics reflecting the physical operation of the Department for the year 1948 and 1949. The year just ended saw all previous water volume records exceeded. Substantially all of the water used during the past year was pumped from the Nickerson Field well, which continued to yield abundantly notwithstanding very severe draught of almost 45,000,000 gallons during the dry three months' period of June, July and August.

At the end of the year the greater part of the funds appropriated to the Department's blanket extensions account was committed for the installation of approximately 1,470 feet of water main in Loring Road and approximately 1,880 feet in the Kendal Common development at the juncture of North Avenue and Lexington Street, for which projects materials have been purchased and an installation contract has been let. Again this year the Department's budget for the coming year proposes reestablishment of the blanket extensions account in the amount of \$25,000 by appropriation thereto of amounts sufficient for the purpose from guarantee deposits made by applicants and from other sources.

WESTON WATER DEPARTMENT

Comparative Statistics

	1943	1949
Gallons Pumped	109,159,300	122,985,800
Greatest Amount Pumped		
on one day	1,121,200 (8/25)	1,443,400 (7/30)
Greatest Amount Pumped		
during one week	3,897,400 (8/22-28)	4,503,300 (8/22-28)
Miles of main end of year	32	32
No. services end of year	953	977
Services in use end of year	923	941
Meters in use end of year	923	941
New Services added	46	24
Monthly Average		
Consumed	9,096,603 gals.	10,248,816 gals.
Weekly Average		
Consumed	2,099,217 gals.	2,365,111 gals.
Daily Average		
Consumed	298,249 gals.	336,947 gals.

TRUST FUND COMMISSIONERS

Following the precedent established last year, the first part of this report is devoted to brief personal histories of donors of trust funds. Last year's report covered the period from 1859 to 1875. We carry forward from that point, thanks to the Historical Committee.

In 1878, \$200 was left to the Cemetery for perpetual care and \$300 as a monument fund by Alpheus Cutter who died in that year. He came to Weston in 1834 at the age of thirty-six, bringing his wife Emilia (Pratt) and family, which continued to grow in Weston's favorable climate to a total of eleven children. He was born in West Cambridge, and prior to his arrival in Weston had been employed at the Bemis Manufacturing Company in Watertown. Apparently here he found release from the strains of city life, as in Weston records he is listed as a yeoman (farmer), and lived to the age of eighty. He is buried in Central Cemetery.

The Public Library was left \$1,000. for books of all kinds under the will of Charles Augustus Hastings, who died in 1894 at the age of sixty-one, and is also buried in the Central Cemetery. He was a native of Weston, the son of William and Maria (Pierce) Hastings who lived on Central Avenue near the Wayland line, in the house later owned by Andrew B. Driver and now by Charles P. Gorely, Jr. Charles Hastings married Sarah Kelly of Boston in 1852 and was a dealer in straw and millinery goods in Boston.

Henry A. Gowing left \$5,000 to the Public Library for books of all kinds in 1895. He was the son of John and Sophia V. Gowing of Weston, and was born 1834. The old Gowing house was on North Avenue where Drabbington Lodge now stands, but was destroyed by fire. A woodlot in the vicinity still remains in the family. Mr. Gowing was a prosperous manufacturer of shirts in Boston, and Weston became his summer residence only. He was married and had two children. He is buried at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Weston's Public Library has been a favorite object of gifts and bequests since its spontaneous birth in 1857. George Berkeley Cutter on his death in 1899 made provision for an unrestricted gift to the library after the death of his wife Mary P. (Hastings) Cutter. Although she died in 1912, this bequest is listed as of the year of his death and amounted to \$988.47, being a fractional share of the estate. George B. Cutter was born in Weston in 1822, the only son of James and Elisabeth (Smith) Cutter, who subsequently had four daughters. He was a farmer and nursery gardener, and lived in the house on South Avenue now owned by Mrs. F. Robbins Mitchell.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cutter made bequests to the Merriam Fund for the Silent Poor, and these were received in the final settlement of the two estates, \$988.47 in the name of George B. Cutter in 1916, and \$3,500 in the name of Mary P. Cutter in 1917. The Merriam Fund was a model of considerate help to worthy unfortunate people, established by Charles Merriam in 1865 in a spirit well ahead of the times. Mrs. Cutter was a half-sister to Charles A. Hastings, being the daughter of William Hastings by his first wife, Mary (Pierce) Hastings. It is noted in passing that William Hastings, after the death of his first wife, married her sister. This was a common occurrence of the times, due in part to the undeveloped state of the science of obstetrics, and in part to the size of the 19th century families. Mr. and Mrs. Cutter are buried in the Central Cemetery.

Herbert Merriam made a gift to the Public Library in 1901 amounting to \$1,000 for books of all kinds. He was born in Boston in 1841, the son of Charles and Caroline (Ware) Merriam. He served in the 44th Massachusetts Volunteers in the Civil War, married Fanny Hawes of Boston, and settled down in Weston about 1871. He had a large farm at the junction of Concord Road and Merriam Street, and the barn on Merriam Street was large enough to require a barn-warming which is still remembered locally as one of the social highlights of 1872. Neither house nor barn are standing now; the land is part of the property of Weston College. The Merriams had six children and he lived to the age of eighty-five as a resident of Weston, surviving his wife by nineteen years.

During the year 1949, additions to the Trust Funds principal amounted to \$3,290.61, made up as follows:

Elizabeth E. Irving, Bequest to Cemetery Department	\$500.00
Laura S. McAuliffe, Bequests to Cemetery Department	809.00
Payments for perpetual care, burial grounds	1,233.03
Unexpended balance of interest, World War Trust Fund	7.61

The above bequests were in the nature of perpetual care payments for maintenance or decoration of family lots, but were left in such a way that they become named trust funds in Town records.

In 1949, \$133.67 was transferred from interest to principal account to write down the value of bonds purchased above par value. All other securities are carried at cost. As of December 31, 1949, the schedule of Consolidated Trust Fund investments was as follows:

Savings bank deposits, World War Trust Fund	\$ 4,080.81
Savings bank deposits, other trust funds	77,756.27
\$10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due May 1, 1953	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due July 1, 1954	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due Aug. 1, 1954	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due Apr. 1, 1955	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due June 1, 1956	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due Dec. 1, 1956	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due May 1, 1957	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due Nov. 1, 1957	10,000.00
10,000 Atlantic Coast Line Rwy. 1st 4's due July 1, 1952	10,208.33
10,000 Western Maryland RR Co. 1st 4's due Oct. 1, 1952	10,276.44
4,500 Delaware & Hudson Co. 1st 4's due May 1, 1963	3,993.75
5,000 New York Central RR. Cons, 4's due Feb. 1, 1998	4,218.75
200 shs First National Bank of Boston	7,175.01
Total principal account of trust funds.	\$197,709.36

Income produced by these funds in 1949 was \$5,074.49, or approximately 2½%. World War Trust Fund income, which to date has been accrued to principal pending further action by the Town is expendable in the year earned at the discretion of the Selectmen for purposes relating to the observance of Memorial Day. Of the \$91.64 earned by the World War Trust Fund in 1949, \$84.03 was so used, and \$7.61 added to principal. Income credited to other trust funds under the Commissioners' care is not accrued to principal, but is held aside until used in accordance with the terms of the specific gifts or bequests. The total unexpended balance of income as of December 31, 1949 was \$3,256.45 as compared with \$3,154.59 at the end of 1948.

Massachusetts law covering the powers and duties of Trust Fund Commissioners is quite specific with regard to investments, but very general on the subject of responsibility for the manner in which the income is spent. It has been the practice of Weston's Commissioners

to rely upon the boards and committees charged with spending such income to adhere to the terms of the respective gifts or bequests, and upon the Town Accountant to call attention to any deviation therefrom. A considerable amount of study was devoted to these procedures in 1949, but the Commissioners found no reason of law or of apparent necessity to assert a more positive authority.

Investment policy has not been changed in the past year; over 80% of the total principal is now in savings banks or U. S. Government bonds maturing in less than eight years. The only purchase in 1949 was \$10,000 par value Atlantic Coast Line Railway 1st Mortgage 4's due July 1, 1952 at a net principal cost of \$10,250.00. The premium paid is being amortized out of income received.

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' HOUSING BOARD

As we reported last year, despite considerable effort on the part of this board, and a preliminary approval by the State Housing Board the Weston Veterans' Housing Plan was disapproved by the State Housing Board on September 24, 1948. This necessitated abandonment of the plans previously submitted and the development of a new proposal for submission to the State Board.

On April 26, 1949 the State Housing Board approved the revised plans, layout, estimated costs and proposed financing of the Weston Veterans' Housing Project.

The plan as submitted and approved calls for the construction of not more than 10 single five-room houses at a total cost (exclusive of veterans' contributions) of \$101,000 of which \$100,000 would be obtained by a fifteen-year bond issue. The maximum estimated cost of each house, exclusive of land but including equipment, landscaping, contingency allowance, architects' fees and miscellaneous administrative expenses, is \$9600. The allowance for land for each unit is \$1500. and includes the veteran's contribution of \$1000. The rental would be \$50. per month during the five-year period.

The house plans adopted by the Board were designed by Donaldson R. McMullin, a Weston architect. The house is a Cape Cod type with two bedrooms on the first floor and unfinished space on the second floor sufficient for two additional bedrooms and a bathroom.

Sealed bids on the plans and specifications for the project were opened on Saturday, November 26, at 10:00 A.M. As all of the bids were substantially higher than the amount available under the Weston Plan, they were rejected.

After several meetings with the interested veterans, and with the advice of local contractors and the architect, the original plans have been amended and will again be advertised for bids in the hope that

the houses can be built this spring in accordance with the vote taken under Article 16, at the annual town meeting of 1948.

A number of veterans who originally evinced a desire to participate have since withdrawn for various reasons. Several have moved to other localities for business reasons, and a number have purchased or built homes rather than wait for the consummation of the plan. There are six veterans who at this writing still desire to participate in the plan, and who have purchased or taken options on lots. The locations of these proposed sites are as follows: Sunset Road (two), 325 Merriam Street, rear of 132 Wellesley Street, rear of 208 Boston Post Road and Conant Road near North Avenue.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

On May 30, 1949, as part of the Memorial Day exercises, a bronze plaque on which are inscribed the names of the 21 Weston citizens whose lives were sacrificed during World War II, placed on the boulder by the town flag pole, was unveiled by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Doyle, mother of two of the young men named on the tablet. Wm. R. Dewey, Jr., chairman of the Board of Selectmen, made the speech of dedication followed by a prayer by the Chaplain of the Legion Post 214, the firing of the salute to the dead, and taps.

A personal invitation to the exercises was sent to each of the homes from which these Gold Star men came, followed by an account of the ceremonies which included a copy of the speech and prayer. Appreciation of this service was expressed not only by Gold Star parents present but from many as far away as California.

December 11th, Pearl Harbor Sunday, two bronze tablets placed on the north wall of the upper town hall and bearing the names of the 542 who served from Weston during the last war, were dedicated. Senator Leverett Saltonstall, who as Governor of the Commonwealth gave the address at the dedication of the Town Honor Roll in 1943, gave the speech on this occasion as well. Robert A. Warren was master of ceremonies, at the conclusion of which the gathering marched to the Honor Roll on the Town Green where the flag was lowered for the last time, the permanent memorial inside the Hall taking its place, after nearly seven years' service.

A file of the names and, as far as possible, the latest addresses of all Weston veterans of World War II is being maintained. Quite a few Weston men are still in the Country's service and a weekly letter, originated over seven years ago, still goes to those away from home who desire it.

One hundred and seventy comrades of the first world war are on our mailing list for a quarterly letter now in its fourth year. Over

eighty expressions of appreciation were received from this group during December alone, coming from Maine to Florida and Nova Scotia to California.

We are continually receiving bulletins regarding government positions which might be of interest to veterans if they would make their wishes known. Very few direct requests for aid or information have been received, but all possible assistance has been rendered when desired.

Since there appears to be very little need for veterans' service, such as existed at the close of the war and since the greater part of the service now being given comes from the heart, the continuance of this service as a Town function seems no longer necessary.

REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN

If 1948 was famed as "the year of the big snow", then 1949 will live long in Weston history, we all hope, as "the year of the big drought". All Summer long there was hardly a cloud in the sky. Small boys seeking to earn an honest penny (or dollar) looked in vain for lawns that needed mowing. Householders who normally groan over the necessity of cutting the grass began harking back fondly to the days when there was grass. And those who used their sprinklers faithfully in an attempt to keep things green would return from a weekend trip to find their lawns an expanse of coco fibre door mat, and their gardens dust.

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Despite the unusual demands of sprinklers, however, and despite the lack of rain, Weston's water supply, unlike many others, never failed or faltered. Not once were people warned to "go easy on the water". The deep well flowed as generously in October as it had in June. In a single week during August it delivered over four and a half million gallons—600,000 gallons more than the record week in 1948. (That's a lot of water for a small town—but only those who at some time have had to **carry** water can truly appreciate the priceless boon of an ample and apparently unlimited supply!)

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During the worst part of the drought—the two months from July 1 to September 1—the Weston Fire Department was called out only 33 times, and there was no serious fire loss in the Town. Truly, a fine and deserved tribute to the care and vigilance of Weston citizens.

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The Fire Department, meanwhile, taking advantage of its spare time, employed it in creating its own specially-designed high pressure fog fire-fighting unit, using a Ford truck chassis, a stainless steel water tank, much complicated equipment and a lot of Yankee ingenuity and skill. This accomplishment saved the Town about \$4000 over the cost

of a "boughten" fog unit, and gave it a unique and superior piece of apparatus besides.

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One rainy afternoon in December, on the Sunday nearest to Pearl Harbor Day, a simple ceremony was held to mark the placing of two bronze plaques on the North wall of the Upper Town Hall, as a proud and permanent memorial to the more than five hundred Weston men and women who served in the armed forces in World War II. Senator Leverett Saltonstall, who as Governor of Massachusetts had dedicated the temporary Honor Roll on the Town Green in 1943, was the principal speaker.

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And on Memorial Day a bronze tablet, donated by an anonymous benefactor to whom the Town will be forever grateful, was placed on the boulder outside the Town House, in memory of the twenty one Weston boys who gave their lives in the struggle.

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Excitement in the Town ran high—as well it might—when the High School football team chalked up nine wins in a row during 1949, to complete its second consecutive undefeated season.

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The wartime children's exchange branch of the committee on public safety donated a fine flagpole for the new high school as a contribution to the children of the Town—and the problems and trials of running Weston's schools had grown so complicated that it was voted at Town Meeting to increase the membership of the School Committee from three to five.

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1949 brought the death of one of Weston's oldest and best-loved citizens—Edmund T. Carver, who died in his 88th year. He had been superintendent of the Town's water system for twenty-five years, until his retirement in 1946. His friendly personality, and his witty and pertinent remarks at Town Meeting are sadly missed by all.

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While taxpayers writhed in impotent agony, Weston's tax rate hit an all-time high of \$38.50. It is the fervent hope of everyone that this figure will forever remain an all-time high.

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The new, \$925,000 High School building was not entirely completed before the end of 1949, but it was far enough along to receive pupils when classes resumed after the Christmas vacation.

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The Weston Public Library took note this year of the fact that its present building was voted into existence by the Town, and work on its

construction was started, just fifty years ago. The occasion was celebrated by having the entire building rewired, and most of it redecorated.

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Weston's building boom continues, though not quite at the same rate as in 1948. Twenty-eight new homes were built—six fewer than a year ago. And the "new look" is observable in architecture as elsewhere. Almost one third of these new homes are of the modern one story ranch type.

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Among the more recent arrivals in Weston is a mockingbird, who lives on an estate on Highland Street. He and his mate are staying on through the Winter, and seem to be permanent residents. Because of his rarity in these Northern latitudes, the Audubon Society has been much interested, and last Summer made a very unusual and beautiful recording of his remarkable vocal achievements. His repertoire is said to include over forty different songs and calls, besides expert imitations of the croak of a tree frog and the whirl of a grasshopper's wings.

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Plans were completed by the State this year for the relocation of Route 128, which soon will cut its way through Weston's easterly boundaries with a screaming, high-speed traffic artery.

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The Winter, so far, has been unusually open and mild. To the delight of the elderly, and the dismay of the young, it was a green Christmas and an equally green New Year's Day.

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So ends the year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

1949

The past year has produced many changes in the detailed structure of the Department of Public Welfare and has provided it with a new base of operations.

A vacancy in the Board was filled at the 1949 Town Election by the choice of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Janeway. Her background in social work has proved to be of real benefit to the Board.

Shortly after the Annual Town Meeting, the Welfare Department occupied its new office in the Town House. That location has made

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, YEAR OF 1949

Classification	Total Disbursements	Receipts From Federal	Receipts From State	Receipts From Municipalities	Total Receipts	Net Cost To Weston 150.00
Board Expenses—Salaries	150.00					
Administration—Salaries	1,854.96					
Other Expenses	1,046.25					
Total	2,901.21	998.58			998.58	1,902.63
Dependent Aid	5,507.13		2,208.75		2,208.75	3,298.38
Old Age Assistance	20,249.90	9,032.61	7,893.22	1,140.88	18,066.71	2,183.19
Aid to Dependent Children	187.50	57.00	59.50		116.53	71.00
Grand Total	28,995.74	10,088.19	10,161.47	1,140.88	21,390.54	7,605.20
		Note-A	Note-B	Note-B		

Note-A—Credited to Welfare Department for Reuse.

Note-B—Credited to General Town Funds. Not Available for Welfare Use.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR 1950, JANUARY 28, 1950

Classification	Anticipated Disbursements	Anticipated Federal Grants	Federal Balances Jan. 1, 1950	Budget Request	1949 Appropri- ation 150.00	Reserve
Board Expenses—Salaries	150.00			150.00		
Administration—Salaries	1,790.00			1,790.00		
Other Expenses	660.00			660.00		
Total	2,450.00	845.00	375.35	2,450.00		1,220.35
Dependent Aid	5,000.00			5,000.00		2,200.00
Old Age Assistance	23,715.00	10,950.00	1,065.84	12,750.00		6,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	500.00	155.00	203.67	200.00		13,030.00
Grand total	31,815.00	11,950.00	1,644.86	20,550.00		58.67
						2,329.86
						21,350.00

possible a much closer contact with other related Town Departments and has provided a very satisfactory housing for our activity.

During the year the office of Welfare Agent has been maintained on a basis of 75 percent of full time. In February, Mrs. Mary R. Berry resigned as Agent. Miss Erna A. LeClerq acted in that capacity until May when the position was filled by the appointment of Mrs. Dorothy S. Hartel. Among Mrs. Hartel's accomplishments has been the promotion of a systematic routine of investigation, periodic review and recording of information and data necessary to the operation of a Welfare Department under present statutory regulations. Her work has been facilitated by a gratifying working relation with State Welfare representatives and the Agents of other municipalities.

Welfare disbursements throughout the Nation have shown a marked increase in 1949. Our percentage of increase has been below the average. Legislation and economic trends indicate a continued increase nationally for 1950. However, by judicious administration and the full use of available Federal and State aid, it is anticipated that the cost of our departmental operation will show little change. This is reflected by the budget request for 1950 as compared to the appropriation for 1949.

The Financial Statement for 1949, Budget Request for 1950 and Case Record follow this report.

CASE LOAD FOR 1949

Classification	Number of Cases	Total Number of Individuals
Dependent Aid		
January 1st.	Family—2	8
	Individual—5	5
Opened	Family—4	20
	Individual—1	1
Closed	Family—4	9
	Individual—1	1
December 31st.	Family—4	19
	Individual—5	5
Old Age Assistance		
January 1st.	29	29
Opened	3	3
Closed	7	7
December 31st.	25	25
Pending	1	1
Aid to Dependent Children		
January 1st.	0	0
Opened	1	1
Closed	1	1
December 31st	0	0

TOWN RECORDS, 1949

Condensed

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JANUARY 24, 1949

Pursuant to a warrant duly served, a special town meeting was held on January 24, 1949, at 8 P.M.

The moderator called the meeting to order, and determined and announced the presence of a quorum. The town clerk read the warrant and the return of the officer who served the warrant.

Article 1. To appropriate money for the use and purposes of the special school restoration committee established by vote adopted at the town meeting held on May 10, 1948.

Voted: The sum of \$27,400 is hereby appropriated from available funds in the treasury for the use and purposes of the special school restoration committee established by vote adopted at the town meeting held on May 10, 1948, in addition to previous appropriations therefor.

Article 2. To appropriate money for Unclassified—Insurance—Fire and Boiler for the current year.

Voted: The sum of \$2,600 is hereby appropriated for Unclassified—Insurance—Fire and Boiler for the current year.

Article 3. To increase the number of members of the school committee from three to five and to provide for the election of the additional members.

Mr. Eugene O. Hanson Moved: That the number of members of the school committee be increased from three to five; and that at the annual town election in 1949 one additional member be elected to hold office for three years and one additional member be elected to hold office for one year.

Mr. Edward W. Rayner Moved: That consideration of the subject matter of this article be postponed until the 1949 annual town meeting. This motion was ruled in order as a motion to postpone to a time certain, but was defeated.

Mr. Robert J. Wilkes Moved: That Mr. Hanson's motion be amended by changing 1949 to 1950. This amendment was not accepted by Mr. Hanson. Mr. Wilkes' motion was defeated.

Mr. Hanson's original motion was then carried.

Article 4. To authorize placing on the memorial boulder adjacent to the Town Hall a plaque commemorating those who lost their lives in World War II.

Voted: The selectmen are hereby authorized to accept a gift to the Town of a plaque commemorating its citizens who lost their lives in

World War II, and to cause such plaque to be placed on the memorial boulder adjacent to the Town Hall.

The meeting was dissolved at 9:35 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 21, 1949

Pursuant to a warrant duly served, the meeting was called to order in the lower town hall by Francis Blake, town clerk, at 12 o'clock noon for the election of a temporary moderator for the purposes of Article 1 only and for action on Article 1. Mr. Blake determined and announced the presence of a quorum. Herbert E. Tyler was elected temporary moderator and was duly sworn to the faithful performance of his duties. The town clerk then read the warrant and the return of the officer who served it.

Article 1. To bring in their votes for the following town officers to be voted for on one ballot:

	For a term of
A moderator	One Year
One selectman	Three Years
One member of the board of public welfare	Three Years
One assessor	Three Years
Two members of the school committee	Three Years
One member of the school committee	One Year
A treasurer and collector	One Year
One library trustee	Three Years
One trustee of the Merriam Fund	Three Years
One park commissioner	Three Years
One cemetery commissioner	Three Years
One member of the board of health	Three Years
One commissioner of trust funds	Three Years
One water commissioner	Three Years
One member of the planning board	Five Years
Two members of the recreation commission	Three Years
One member of the recreation commission (to fill vacancy)	Two Years
A tree warden	One Year
Three measurers of lumber	One Year

The polls were opened at 12 o'clock noon and were closed at 8 P.M. One thousand twenty-two ballots were cast. The results of the election were as follows:

MODERATOR (for one year)

Francis G. Goodale, Citizens' Caucus	960
Blank	61
Scattering	1

SELECTMAN (for three years)

William R. Dewey, Jr., Citizens' Caucus	883
Blank	132
Scattering	7

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE (for three years)

Elizabeth B. Janeway, Citizens' Caucus	935
Blank	86
Scattering	1

ASSESSOR (for three years)

William P. Coues, Jr., Citizens' Caucus	929
Blank	93

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (for three years)

William W. Gallagher, Jr., Citizens' Caucus	581
Howard Gambrell, Jr., Citizens' Caucus	685
Frances V. Marshall	554
Blank	224

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (for one year)

Marjory L. Blaney, Citizens' Caucus	496
Mary C. Nichols	508
Blank	18

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR (for one year)

Helen E. Cutting, Citizens' Caucus	970
Blank	52

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (for three years)

Grant M. Palmer, Jr., Citizens' Caucus	941
Blank	81

TRUSTEE OF MERRIAM FUND (for three years)

George O. Russell, Jr., Citizens' Caucus	945
Blank	77

PARK COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Donald Wyman, Citizens' Caucus	938
Blank	84

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Walter W. Weld, Citizens' Caucus	947
Blank ..	75

BOARD OF HEALTH (for three years)

Fresenius Van Nuys, Citizens' Caucus	961
Blank	60
Scattering	1

MEASURERS OF LUMBER (for one year)

William J. Henderson, Citizens' Caucus	918
Harold A. Ogilvie, Citizens' Caucus	895
Charles H. Stimpson, Jr., Citizens' Caucus	923
Blank	329
Scattering	1

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS (for three years)

Edward B. Hubbard, Citizens' Caucus	883
Blank	139

WATER COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Harold B. Colpitts, Citizens' Caucus	901
Blank	121

PLANNING BOARD (for five years)

E. Olsen Field, Citizens' Caucus	938
Blank	84

TREE WARDEN (for one year)

John L. Duffy, Citizens' Caucus	928
Blank	94

RECREATION COMMISSION (for three years)

Karl Adams, Jr., Citizens' Caucus	913
Dorothy B. U. Field, Citizens' Caucus	901
Blank	230

RECREATION COMMISSION (to fill vacancy) (for two years)

Harold A. Mosher, Citizens' Caucus	942
Blank	80

The business meeting was called to order in the upper town hall at 8 P.M. by the town clerk in the absence of the moderator. The town clerk determined and announced the presence of a quorum.

In the absence of the moderator, Mr. Francis G. Goodale was nominated temporary moderator and there being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Mr. Goodale was then unanimously elected by ballot. Mr. Goodale was sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by Francis Blake, Justice of the Peace. Mr. Goodale confirmed the presence of a quorum.

The town clerk read the warrant.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wm. R. Dewey, Jr., and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: We, the citizens of Weston assembled in our annual town meeting, desire to record our deep sorrow in the sudden death of Homer Newton Sweet on May 18, 1948. Nearly a quarter of a century ago he came to live in Weston. In a very short time, his constant interest in town affairs and the welfare of the townspeople, his great ability to analyze and solve all kinds of problems, and his kindness and generosity brought him the highest esteem and respect of all the people in the Town.

His first town office was an appointment to the finance committee, on which he served eleven years, four years as its chairman. Under his leadership, this committee developed from a perfunctory board to one of greatest importance in determining the Town's policy. As chairman of the town committee on national defense in 1940, he organized a remarkably efficient, smooth-running civilian defense program and, at the same time, he devoted innumerable hours to an Aircraft Warning Service for the U. S. Army. At the conclusion of the war, he became the chairman of the local advisory committee for returning veterans. This committee performed an outstanding service in rehabilitating Weston veterans, largely through the able guidance of Mr. Sweet, who spent countless hours in studying the new legislation on this subject. In 1946, a change in the Massachusetts statutes made it compulsory that a different organization be set up and Mr. Sweet was an active member of the succeeding board at the time of his death.

All of these duties Mr. Sweet fulfilled with his habitual modesty and neverfailing good judgement, but his active participation in the work of these committees was only a part of his service to the Town. His advice was continually sought not only by all the various town committees and officers, but also by individuals from all walks of life, and he was most generous in giving of his time and counsel. Many problems required painstaking research and when the problem was finally solved, it was not unusual for Mr. Sweet to have acquired a perfect fund of information on the subject. As a result of his great interest in town government and his broad knowledge of accounting,

he suggested many improvements in the Town's accounting procedure and record keeping. These were adopted and have been of great benefit to the Town.

Mr. Sweet was loved by everyone. He never had an enemy in the Town. Of course, there were differences of opinion but discussion was always on a high plane, without animosity, and invariably his opponent agreed with him at the conclusion of the discussion. His memory will long be cherished by the people of Weston both as a friend and for his outstanding service to the Town. He has become a distinguished member of that group of devoted and self-sacrificing men who, since the community's incorporation in 1713, have served it with wisdom, honor and fortitude.

Further RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and the town clerk send a copy to Mrs. Sweet.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. J. Robert Ayers and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: That the citizens of Weston in annual town meeting assembled desire to express their sincere appreciation for the untiring efforts and loyal service rendered by Livingston Hall, who this year retires from the position of town moderator. For two and a half years Mr. Hall has presided over annual and special meetings of the Town in a never ending spirit of fair play and impartiality and with a constant fund of good humor when emotions have tended to escape the bounds of parliamentary propriety.

It is with genuine regret that the Town has received word of his intention to move from the community and hence his retirement from this office. We know that only serious illness prevents his attendance at what would have been his last town meeting and his occupation of the post he has so much enjoyed and to which he has brought the dignity and leadership so necessary for a proper administration of its duties.

Further RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and a suitable copy be prepared by the town clerk and presented to Mr. Hall.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. J. Robert Ayers and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: The citizens of Weston in annual town meeting assembled desire to record their great sorrow and deep sense of loss in the death of Harlan C. Berry on October 5, 1948. Born in Weston October 16, 1897, he attended the Weston public schools and was appointed a police officer April 5, 1927, in which position he served the community

faithfully and well until his untimely passing deprived us of an outstanding public servant.

He was kindly in a position which could easily produce domination; discreet where lack of confidential assistance could be disastrous; helpful where unwillingness to be of assistance could result in permanent damage to character; a friendly counsellor and leader where abuse of authority could wreck rather than build. To the youth of the town for many years he was a source of strength; ever ready with a keen perception of their problems and an understanding willingness to assist in solving them. Many men will grow old always preserving in a corner of their hearts the memory of a word of advice or a helping hand when needed. Such is the indestructibility of the monument to the memory of our friend, Harlan C. Berry.

Further RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that suitable copies be prepared by the town clerk and presented to his wife, Mary R. Berry, his mother, Florence J. Berry, and his sister, Margaret E. Berry.

The following resolution was presented by Harold J. Adler and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the citizens of Weston, in annual town meeting assembled, express their deep appreciation to a person whose identity is undisclosed, who has caused a bronze tablet to be placed upon the boulder to the east of the Town House, inscribed with the names of those who gave their lives to win the great victories in World War II. Those who gather before this boulder in future days to preserve the memory of these honored dead will remember the spirit of the gift itself. Now are appropriately joined, on one solid rock, these twin memorials to the men who entered the service of the Nation from Weston, and who made the supreme sacrifice in the great World Wars. To these honored dead has been paid another and a finer tribute by one who would not detract from the glory of their names by permitting his own name to be known. We pay everlasting tribute to the self-sacrifice of our departed fellow citizens and salute the deep devotion to their memory of this anonymous giver to our Town.

Further RESOLVED: That this resolution shall be spread upon the records of the Town and a suitable copy to be prepared by the town clerk and presented to the anonymous donor.

Article 2. To hear and act upon reports of town officers and committees.

Voted: That the several reports of the town officers and committees as printed in the annual town report for 1948 be accepted and placed on file subject to any corrections which may be made by this meeting or by the town clerk.

Article 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the costs of government and other town charges for the current year; and to fix the salaries and compensation of elected officers of the Town for the current year.

Mr. Raymond W. Coburn Moved: That the several sums of money recommended by the selectmen for appropriation in 1949 in accordance with section 5 of Article II of the By-laws, set forth on pages 18 to 29 of the annual town report for 1948 and aggregating \$568,725.52 be and hereby are appropriated for their respective purposes set forth on said pages.

Mr. Everett M. Studley Moved: That Mr. Coburn's motion be amended by making the following changes under the title "General Government" on pages 18 and 19 of the town report:

By increasing the item "Assessors-Chairman's Salary" from \$500 to \$750.

By increasing the item "Total General Government" from \$36,210 to \$36,460.

Mr. Coburn accepted this amendment to his motion.

Mr. Wm. R. Dewey, Jr., moved that Mr. Coburn's motion be amended by making the following changes under the title, "Highway and Bridges" on page 21 of the town report:

By reducing the item "Highway Equipment" from \$2,200 to \$1,200.

By reducing the item "Total for Highways" from \$80,400 to \$79,400.

Mr. Coburn accepted this amendment to his motion.

Mr. Robert G. Hutchinson Moved: That Mr. Coburn's motion be amended by making the following changes under the title "Public Welfare" on page 22 of the town report:

By increasing the item "Dependent Aid-Administrative" from \$500 to \$850.

By increasing the item "Old Age Assistance-Administrative" from \$1,100 to \$1,300.

By increasing the item "Old Age Assistance" from \$10,000 to \$13,000.

By inserting the figure \$50 for the item "Aid to Dependent Children-Administrative".

By increasing the item "Total for Public Welfare" from \$17, 750 to \$21,350.

Mr. Coburn accepted this amendment to his motion.

Mr. Grant M. Palmer Moved: That Mr. Coburn's motion be amended by making the following changes under the title "Libraries" on page 24 of the town report:

By increasing the item "Books & Periodicals" from \$1,500 to \$1,800.

By reducing the item "Maintenance & Repair" from \$1,400 to \$1,100.

Mr. Coburn accepted this amendment to his motion.

Mr. Earl H. Eacker Moved: That Mr. Coburn's motion be amended

by making the following changes under the title "Schools" on page 23 of the town report:

By reducing the item "Salaries" from \$175,777 to \$172,477.

By reducing the item "Maintenance, Repair and Other Expenses" from \$38,943.01 to \$37,243.01.

By reducing the item "Transportation" from \$18,500 to \$17,500.

By reducing the item "Total Schools" from \$251,310.01 to \$245,310.01.

This amendment was not accepted by Mr. Coburn. Mr. Eacker's motion was carried.

Mr. Richard J. Comey Moved: That Mr. Coburn's motion be amended by reducing the item "Police Department-Equipment and Apparatus" on page 20 of the town report from \$2,500 to \$1,900. This amendment was not accepted by Mr. Coburn. Mr. Comey's motion was defeated.

Moved: That Mr. Coburn's motion be amended by decreasing the item "Appropriations Recommended" on page 29 of the town report from \$568,725.52 to \$565,575.52. Mr. Coburn accepted this amendment to his motion.

Mr. Coburn's motion, as amended, was then carried, the appropriations voted being as follows:

BUDGET

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen—Chairman's Salary	\$ 200.00
2nd Selectman's Salary	100.00
3rd Selectman's Salary	100.00
Expenses	300.00
Finance Committee	50.00
Town Accountant and Exec. Secretary—Salary	4,275.00
Expense	225.00
Treasurer and Collector—Salary	3,150.00
Expense	1,900.00
Assessors—Chairman's Salary	750.00
2nd Member's Salary	100.00
3rd Member's Salary	100.00
Expense	1,060.00
Town Clerk—Salary	150.00
Expense	250.00
Clerk of Committees	6,000.00
Law	3,000.00
Election and Registration	750.00
Town Hall	14,000.00

\$36,460.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health—Chairman's Salary	\$ 50.00	
2nd Member's Salary	25.00	
3rd Member's Salary	25.00	
Expenses	3,500.00	
Cooperating Boards of Health	2,300.00	
Inspection of School Children	900.00	
School Nurse	1,890.00	
	<hr/>	8,690.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Dept. — Maintenance: Salaries	\$22,400.00	
Police Dept. — Other Expense	3,000.00	
Police Dept. — Equipment and Apparatus	2,500.00	
Fire Dept. — Maintenance: Salaries	21,800.00	
Fire Dept. — Other Expenses	2,500.00	
Fire Dept. — Equipment and Apparatus	2,100.00	
Hydrant Service	7,980.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	25.00	
Moth Extermination	3,000.00	
Tree Warden	4,500.00	
Building Inspector	650.00	
	<hr/>	70,455.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

General Maintenance: Salaries	31,000.00	
Other Expenses	26,000.00	
Maintenance Chap. 90	500.00	
Chapter 90, Construction	5,000.00	
Highway Equipment	1,200.00	
Highway Land Takings	3,000.00	
Street Lighting	11,300.00	
Public Dump	1,400.00	
	<hr/>	79,400.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

Dependent Aid — Administrative	\$ 850.00	
Dependent Aid	6,000.00	
Board of Public Welfare — Chairman's Salary	50.00	
2nd Member's Salary	50.00	
3rd Member's Salary	50.00	

Old Age Assistance — Administrative	1,300.00	
Old Age Assistance	13,000.00	
Aid to Dependent Children — Administrative	50.00	
	<hr/>	21,350.00

SOLDIERS BENEFITS		500.00
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SCHOOLS

Salaries	\$172,477.00	
Maintenance, Repair and Other Expenses	37,243.01	
Transportation	17,500.00	
Vocational Education	1,200.00	
Out of State Travel	300.00	
New England School Development Council	90.00	
Lunchroom Salaries	4,500.00	
Lunchroom Expenses	12,000.00	
	<hr/>	245,310.01

LIBRARIES

Salaries	\$10,300.00	
Other Expenses	2,900.00	
Books & Periodicals	1,800.00	
Maintenance and Repair	1,100.00	
Equipment	500.00	
	<hr/>	16,600.00

RECREATION

Recreation Committee	\$5,000.00	
Park Department	700.00	
Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance	550.00	
	<hr/>	6,250.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	275.00	
Town Reports	1,850.00	
Planning Board	6,000.00	
Insurance, Fire and Boiler	6,000.00	
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	1,500.00	
Insurance, Motor Vehicles	1,800.00	
Insurance, All Other	275.00	

Town-owned Houses	1,500.00	
Contributory Retirement Fund, Administrative	65.00	
Contributory Retirement Fund	4,069.20	
All Other	1,000.00	
Town Bulletin	1,000.00	
Director of Veterans' Services: Salaries	300.00	
Expenses	100.00	
	<hr/>	25,734.20

WATER DEPARTMENT
(EXCEPT BOND ISSUES)

Water Commissioners' Salaries — Chairman	100.00	
2nd Member	100.00	
3rd Member	100.00	
Maintenance: Salaries	12,345.00	
Expenses	12,450.00	
Equipment and Apparatus	300.00	
Interest on Debt	1,812.50	
	<hr/>	27,207.50

FURIAL GROUNDS

Salaries	7,885.00	
Expense	525.00	
	<hr/>	8,410.00

INTEREST 18,520.00

RESERVE FUND 688.81

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 565,575.52

Voted: That the salaries of the selectmen, the town clerk, the members of the board of public welfare, the assessors, the treasurer and collector, the members of the board of health, and the water commissioners for 1949, effective from January 1, 1949, be and hereby are fixed in the amounts already appropriated for such salaries, respectively, by previous vote under this article; and that all other elected officers of the Town be unpaid.

Voted: That five persons be appointed by the moderator to serve as a Memorial Day Committee in 1949, with authority to expend for the observance of that day the sum of \$275. already appropriated for that purpose by previous vote under this article.

Article 4. To authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew or refund any note or notes given for a period of less than one year in accordance with chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Voted: That the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year to an amount not exceeding \$150,000. and to issue therefor a note or notes each payable within one year from its date, and to renew or refund any note or notes given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, chapter 44, section 17.

Article 5. To appropriate money from overlay reserve to be used as a reserve fund.

Voted: That the sum of \$7,311.19 be and hereby is transferred from the overlay reserve fund to the reserve fund, to be added to the sum of \$638.81 already appropriated for the reserve fund by vote under Article 3.

Article 6. To authorize the assessors to make deductions on account of available funds in the treasury in determining the annual assessment of taxes in the current year.

Voted: That this article be considered immediately after Article 14. Carried unanimously.

Article 7. To appropriate for the support of the Public Library the dog license refund received in the current year.

Voted: That the sum of \$1200.78, being the amount of the 1949 dog license refund received from the treasurer of Middlesex County, be and hereby is appropriated for Libraries—Maintenance & Repair, in addition to the amount already appropriated for that purpose by vote under Article 3.

Article 8. To appropriate for laying or relaying water mains certain sums already paid to the Town by applicants for water main installations.

Voted: That the sum of \$8,041.85, being the aggregate of certain sums heretofore paid to the Town by applicants for water main installations, be and hereby is appropriated from available funds in the treasury to the "Blanket Extensions" account of the water department for the use of the water commissioners for laying or relaying water mains not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter.

Article 9. To appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum or sums of money in anticipation of state and county reimbursement for chapter 90 highway maintenance and construction.

Voted: That the sums of \$1,000. and \$15,000. be and hereby are appropriated from available funds in the treasury to meet that part of the cost of chapter 90 highway maintenance and chapter 90 highway construction, respectively, which falls upon the Commonwealth and Middlesex County; the reimbursements from the Commonwealth and Middlesex County to be restored upon their receipt to available funds in the treasury.

Article 10. To determine the Saturdays during the current year on which the public offices at the Town Hall may remain closed.

Voted: That the public offices at the Town Hall remain closed on all Saturdays during July and August in the current year.

Article 11. To accept and allow a layout of Nash Lane as a public town way made by an order of the selectmen dated March 2, 1949, on file in the office of the town clerk.

Voted: That this article be passed over and so disposed of.

Article 12. To accept chapter 588 of the Acts of 1948 providing for an increase in the amount of the pensions or retirement allowances of certain retired former employees of the Town or their beneficiaries.

Mr. J. Robert Ayers Moved: That the Town accept chapter 588 of the Acts of 1948 providing for an increase in the amount of the pensions or retirement allowances of certain retired former employees of the Town or their beneficiaries.

This motion was defeated.

Article 13. To appropriate money for mosquito control, to be deposited with the State Reclamation Board for credit to the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project under chapter 252 of the General Laws.

Mr. Donaldson R. McMullin Moved: That the sum of \$5000 be appropriated for mosquito control and be deposited by the selectmen with the State Reclamation Board for credit to the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project under Chapter 252 of the General Laws.

Mr. Edward B. Hubbard moved that Mr. McMullin's motion be amended by requiring that seventy-five percent of the appropriation be applied to the permanent works program for mosquito control rather than to spraying. The moderator ruled that Mr. Hubbard's proposal could not be adopted as a binding requirement but only as an expression of opinion by the Town. On that basis, Mr. Hubbard's proposal was adopted.

Mr. McMullin's motion then was carried.

Article 14. To take any action, including appropriation of money, respecting existing school buildings and plant and the equipment, furnishings and facilities thereof.

Mr. J. Robert Ayers Moved: That the sum of \$21,000 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury for the use of the special school restoration committee for providing a cafeteria at the public schools, and for the purchase of furniture and equipment for the elementary department of the public schools.

Mr. Edward W. Rayner Moved: That Mr. Ayers' motion be amended to read as follows: That the sum of \$16,000 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury for the use of the special school restoration committee for the purchase of furniture and equipment for the elementary department of the public schools.

This amendment was not accepted by Mr. Ayers.

Mr. Rayner's motion to amend was carried. Mr. Ayers' motion, as so amended, was carried.

Article 6. To authorize the assessors to make deductions on account of available funds in the treasury in determining the annual assessment of taxes in the current year.

Article 6. Voted: In determining the annual assessment of taxes in the current year, the assessors, with the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation so far as required by General Laws, chapter 59, section 23, as amended, may deduct a sum not exceeding \$21,400 on account of available funds in the treasury, in addition to amounts deductible as specific appropriations from such funds.

Article 15. To authorize purchase of a high pressure fire fighting fog truck and equipment thereof, and to appropriate money for such purchase.

Voted: That the sum of \$5500 be appropriated for the use of the selectmen for the purchase of a high pressure fire fighting fog truck and equipment thereof.

Article 16. To authorize placing in the Town Hall a plaque or plaques commemorating the citizens of the Town who served in the Armed Forces in World War II, and to appropriate money for such purpose.

Mr. Donald D. Reynolds read the following report:

REPORT TO THE TOWN REGARDING A MEMORIAL TO THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

Three years ago the planning board was instructed by the Town to consider and report on a memorial to Weston veterans of World War II.

In April, 1948, a questionnaire was sent to thirteen representative organizations as follows:

- (1) Should the Town have a World War II memorial?
- (2) Should a memorial be primarily useful or primarily commemorative?
- (3) Should a memorial be financed by the Town, or partially by the Town and partially by private subscription?
- (4) What are your specific suggestions for a War Memorial?

The replies to these questions were presented to the Town at an open meeting held on October 27, 1948. The feeling of the meeting was that the board should appoint a committee to study the various proposals further and to make recommendations.

Such a committee was appointed in December, 1948. Its members were:

L. Manlius Sargent, Chairman
 Benjamin P. Adams
 Murray Burke
 Edward M. Dickson
 J. Philip Lane
 Mrs. Richard Soderberg
 Albert M. Taber

Several meetings were held by the committee and its progress was summarized in the February, 1949, issue of the Town Reporter. Under date of March 3, 1949, the committee submitted its findings to the planning board, which report is attached to and made a part of this report:

REPORT OF WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
 TO
 THE PLANNING BOARD AND SELECTMEN
 TOWN OF WESTON, MASS.
 BRONZE PLAQUE FOR MEMORIAL BOULDER

Gentlemen:

While in joint session with the planning board January 10, 1949, this committee recommended that a bronze plaque, similar in design to the one now on the boulder outside the Town House, bearing the names of those lost in World War I, be placed on the opposite side of said boulder, bearing the names of those lost in World War II, and that said plaque be installed prior to Memorial Day, 1949. This installation was authorized by vote of the Town at the special town meeting held January 24, 1949.

PLAQUES IN THE TOWN HOUSE AUDITORIUM

It is the recommendation of the committee that for a commemorative memorial, bronze plaques, similar in design to the World War I plaques now on the south wall of the Town House auditorium, be placed on the north wall—these plaques to contain the names of all those from the Town who served in World War II.

In view of the fact that there are many more names for the World War II plaques than appear on the World War I plaques, it is recommended that those who lost their lives in World War II be so designated by a gold star appearing before their names, thus obviating the necessity for the names appearing at the head of the list within a bronze wreath as they do in the World War I plaques.

WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This committee has been advised by the board of selectmen that there will be in the warrant for the coming town meeting an article which will recommend the sale of the town residence at Cutters Corner (a town legacy) and that the proceeds from sale be placed in trust, designated as a War Memorial Scholarship. This committee fully concurs in this recommendation and recommends the following:—

(1) That this scholarship be called War Memorial Scholarship, Town of Weston, Mass., being a memorial to all those of Weston who served in any war.

(2) That it be established by vote of the Town at the coming annual town meeting.

(3) That initial funds resulting from sale of said town residence at Cutters Corner be turned over to the commissioners of trust funds for investment.

(4) That the fund be open to private subscription or donation and that it be registered with the U.S. Treasury Department, thus making donations deductible from Federal income tax.

(5) That scholarships for college and trade school be made available from income of the previous year or from accumulated income of previous years and not from principal—the scholarship board to attempt to anticipate its requirements and so advise the commissioners of trust funds.

(6) That there be a scholarship board to consist of three members, one selectman, one member of the school committee, or one member appointed by that committee, and one citizen of the Town at large, preferably a veteran, appointed by the moderator, the two latter members to serve for a period of three years.

(7) That the scholarship board take such action annually as may be necessary to bring before the students of applicable age the existence of this scholarship and the benefits which it provides.

(8) To qualify for assistance from this scholarship fund, an applicant must be a resident of Weston, and shall make written application for assistance to the scholarship board.

(9) That the scholarship board in studying applications should not consider scholastic standing as the primary requisite. The board

should first determine whether an application is justified on the basis of financial need, and should then study the merits of the case.

(10) That scholarships be awarded for only one year at a time. In exceptional cases, however, when funds are available, a scholarship may be awarded to the same individual for a second year, but only if by so doing the opportunities of a new applicant are not jeopardized.

(11) That upon awarding a scholarship, the recipient should be advised that said scholarship may be considered as an outright gift or as a loan, and, if he or she wishes to consider it as a loan, return of the funds at some later date will be gratefully accepted.

It is further recommended that if counsel for the planning board or the town counsel see any reason, legal or technical, why the above numbered recommendations should be altered that they take the necessary action to make such alterations.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

Mr. BENJAMIN P. ADAMS

Mr. MURRAY BURKE

Mr. EDWARD M. DICKSON

Mr. J. PHILIP LANE

Mrs. RICHARD SODERBERG

Mr. ALBERT M. TABER

By L. MANLIUS SARGENT, Chairman

After careful consideration of all public opinion to which it has had access, and with particular attention to the attached committee report, the planning board recommends the following in the matter of a war memorial:

- (1) That a bronze plaque bearing the names of those Weston citizens lost in World War II be placed on the Memorial Boulder near the Town House.

(This action was authorized by vote of the Town on January 24, 1949.)

- (2) That bronze plaques bearing the names of all Weston citizens who served in World War II be placed on the north wall of the Town House auditorium.

- (3) That there be established by town action a War Memorial Scholarship Fund, the money for which be both publicly and privately subscribed.

That a war memorial scholarship fund board be appointed to make use of the income, and income only, of said fund.

That the war memorial scholarship fund board consist of one selectman, one school committee member and one citizen, preferably but not necessarily a veteran, appointed by the moderator for a term of three years.

- (4) That the war memorial scholarship be available for educational purposes to any citizen of Weston, and that all other terms and conditions of award be subject to the discretion of the scholarship fund board.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTON PLANNING BOARD

By DONALD D. REYNOLDS, Chairman

March 19, 1949

Voted: That the sum of \$2300 be appropriated for the use of the selectmen in placing on the north wall of the Upper Town Hall a plaque or plaques commemorating the citizens of the Town who served in the Armed Forces in World War II.

Article 17. To authorize sale and conveyance of the land and buildings of the Town situated at the corner of Park Road and South Avenue, or any part thereof, and to determine the disposition of the proceeds of such a sale.

Mr. Wm. R. Dewey Jr. Moved: The selectmen are hereby authorized to sell and convey all or any part of the land and buildings of the Town situated at the corner of Park Road and South Avenue, by such method, for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as they think best, and to make, execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town suitable contracts, deeds and other instruments for that purpose. The proceeds of such a sale shall constitute and be established as a trust fund of the Town, which, together with any contributions thereto from private sources, shall be a memorial of its citizens who served in the Armed Forces in all wars and shall be called the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The income only of the fund shall be used to provide scholarships for or otherwise advance the education of citizens of the Town. There is hereby established a permanent war memorial scholarship fund board of three members, who shall be one member of the school committee to be appointed from time to time by that committee for a term in its discretion, but ending upon the appointee's ceasing to be a member of that committee and not exceeding one year in any event; one selectman to be appointed from time to time by the selectmen for a term in their discretion, but ending upon the appointee's ceasing to be a selectman and not exceeding one year in any event; and one person, preferably but not necessarily a veteran, to be appointed triennially by the moderator, or, if the office of moderator be vacant, by the town clerk, for a term of three years commencing on April 1 in the year of appointment. Any vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired term. The board from time to time shall choose its chairman and secretary. The selection of beneficiaries of the fund, the times, manner and amounts of payments to or

for them, and all other matters pertaining to the use of the income of the fund for the above stated purpose shall be determined solely by the board, which shall have full authority and discretion to take any lawful action appropriate for its functions. The board is further authorized to accept in the name and behalf of the Town contributions to the fund from private sources. The foregoing action is taken by the Town subject to the granting of any court or legislative authority which may be necessary therefor, and the selectmen may take any suitable steps to obtain such authority.

Dr. William A. Elliston Moved: That Mr. Dewey's motion be amended by striking out the word "Scholarship" so as to leave the words "War Memorial Fund".

Dr. Elliston's motion was defeated.

Mr. Dewey's motion was then defeated.

Mr. Dewey Moved: The selectmen are hereby authorized to sell and convey all or any part of the land and buildings of the Town situated at the corner of Park Road and South Avenue, by such method, for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as they think best; to make, execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town suitable contracts, deeds and other instruments for that purpose; and to take any suitable steps to obtain any court or legislative authority which may be necessary for that purpose. The proceeds of such a sale shall be held by the town treasurer for disposition according to further action by the Town.

This motion was carried.

Mr. Reynolds Moved: There is hereby established a permanent war memorial scholarship fund board of three members, who shall be one member of the school committee to be appointed from time to time by that committee for a term in its discretion, but ending upon the appointee's ceasing to be a member of that committee and not exceeding one year in any event; one selectman to be appointed from time to time by the selectmen for a term in their discretion, but ending upon the appointee's ceasing to be a selectman and not exceeding one year in any event; and one person, preferably but not necessarily a veteran, to be appointed triennially by the moderator, or, if the office of moderator be vacant, by the town clerk, for a term of three years commencing on April 1 in the year of appointment. Any vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired term. The board from time to time shall choose its chairman and secretary. The board is authorized to accept in the name and behalf of the Town gifts for the establishment and enlargement of a trust fund of the Town which shall be a memorial of its citizens who served in the Armed Forces in all wars and shall be called the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The income only of the fund shall be used to provide scholarships for or otherwise advance the education of citizens of the Town. The selec-

tion of beneficiaries of the fund, the times, manner and amounts of payments to or for them, and all other matters pertaining to the use of the income of the fund for such purpose shall be determined solely by the board, which shall have full authority and discretion to take any lawful action appropriate for its functions.

This motion was ruled out of order by the moderator. Objection was expressed by some of the voters to voting on this motion as an expression of opinion of the Town. This motion was not voted on.

Article 18. To take action to recognize the flagpole to be erected at the new high school as a contribution to the children of the Town by the wartime children's exchange branch of the committee on public safety.

Voted: That the flagpole to be erected at the new high school be recognized as a contribution to the children of the Town by the wartime children's exchange branch of the committee on public safety, and that the special school building committee be requested to take such action to that end as it thinks appropriate.

The meeting was dissolved at 11:41 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 23, 1949

Pursuant to a warrant duly served, a special town meeting was held on May 23, 1949, at 8 P. M.

The moderator called the meeting to order, and determined and announced the presence of a quorum. The town clerk read the warrant and the return of the officer who served the warrant.

Mr. Grant M. Palmer Jr. offered the following resolution:

Resolved: We, the citizens of Weston assembled in town meeting, have learned with deep regret of the death of our former fellow citizen, Charles M. Eaton, on April 30, 1949, at Bradenton, Florida. Although a number of years have elapsed since Mr. Eaton ceased to be a resident of Weston, we retain a vivid memory of him and of his service to us, and his influence on our educational institutions is still apparent.

Mr. Eaton came here as principal of the high school in 1895, five years after graduating from Harvard College. In 1902, he was appointed superintendent of schools, a position then created in compliance with State law. He held both of these positions until his retirement on December 31, 1928. He thus devoted thirty-three years of his life to our school system.

In this long period of service occurred many and profound changes in the system, such as the centralization of the schools at what we now must refer to as the older site on the east side of School Street, the development of transportation of pupils, and the development of the high school from the beginning made by Mr. Eaton's predecessor, Mr. Justin E. Gale. As an administrator, Mr. Eaton laid the foundation on

which he and his successors have built the modern school system which we now have. In his day he brought that system to an enviable place among the systems of the State. He always insisted upon good standards of discipline and of good scholarship. In his annual report for 1925, he said: "If a boy or girl fails to work reasonably, and yet finds that through mistaken leniency he yet receives fairly good marks, and, at the last, a promotion, he will certainly enter a life of business or of employment with incorrect expectations. Good school standards, sturdily enforced, are not a hardship to a child, but a real help to character, and a guarantee of his respect for organized society and its demand upon him." Many who were pupils during his regime, perhaps resentful of his standards at that time, have come to realize their worth in later years.

In addition to his administrative work, Mr. Eaton was a teacher in the high school throughout his period of service. As a teacher he was of outstanding quality. His chief and favorite subject was Latin. Many of us present here tonight became acquainted, and well acquainted, with Caesar, Ovid, Cicero and Virgil under the expert guidance of Mr. Eaton. He also had constantly in mind in dealing with his pupils that fundamental object of all public school education—good citizenship, and endeavored to instil in them a correct appreciation of society and their relation to it. To quote from his annual report for 1904: "While the personal influence of the teacher will affect the pupil in many ways, there is one general direction in which it should be deliberately sought to move him. The first duty of the public school is to prepare for good citizenship. There are a thousand opportunities in school life for a teacher to inculcate in his scholars the good old fashioned ideals of public honesty, service to country in civil life, and thoughtful use of the ballot. These he should make his best use of. . . . Especially may he draw for his pupils many a lesson from the teachings of history, and so send them out from the school into the world more fit and more ready to do their part as useful members of our social organization."

Mr. Eaton also served the Town in other fields closely related to the schools. He was for many years a member of the committee in charge of the swimming pool. From 1927 to 1938 he was a trustee of the public library, and for the greater part of that period the chairman of the board. This was especially fitting in view of his own wide acquaintance with good literature and of his firm belief in the desirability of encouraging the habit of reading and use of the public library and so, as he put it, "drawing happiness from books".

We now mark our sincere appreciation of Mr. Eaton as a citizen and servant of the Town.

Further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that the town clerk send a copy to Mr. Eaton's family.

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

Article 1. To appropriate money, to be taken from available funds

in the treasury or to be raised by taxation, to meet overdrafts in the following accounts for the year 1948: Town Clerk—Expense; Election and Registration; Police Department—Maintenance—Other Expense; Tree Warden; Highways and Bridges—General Maintenance—Other Expenses; Schools—Other Expenses; Libraries—Books & Periodicals; Water Department—Blanket Extensions; and Matured Debt.

Voted: That the following sums be appropriated to meet overdrafts in the following accounts for the year 1948:

Town Clerk—Expense	\$ 8.18
Election and Registration	34.11
Police Department—Maintenance—Other Expense	288.05
Tree Warden	62.00
Highways and Bridges—General Maintenance—	
Other Expenses	2,616.19
Schools—Other Expenses	259.05
Libraries—Books & Periodicals	168.27
Water Department—Blanket Extensions	6,201.63
Matured Debt	5,000.00

Article 2. To appropriate additional money for Unclassified— Planning Board for the current year.

Voted: That the additional sum of \$5,000 be appropriated for Unclassified—Planning Board for the current year.

Meeting dissolved at 8:32 P. M.

The following votes were adopted by the Selectmen during 1949:

January 22, 1949 Voted to pay Mary J. Sherman \$500 from Highways and Bridges - Highway Land Takings in settlement of her claim for land damages in connection with the 1947 relocation of North Avenue (see vote of this board of November 8, 1948), and to authorize the Town Counsel to deliver a check of the Town for \$500 to her against a suitable release by her. An order for such payment was drawn and signed accordingly.

January 29, 1949 Voted to settle for \$350 a claim of Alfred R. Wypler, Jr. and Frances E. Wypler for land damages on account of the 1947 relocation of North Avenue, a petition for assesment of which is pending in the Superior Court; and to authorize the Town Counsel to deliver the Town's check for \$350 to Mr. and Mrs. Wypler against suitable releases by them and the mortgagee of their land and disposition of their petition. An order for such payment was drawn and signed accordingly.

February 5, 1949 Voted to pay Frederick T. Stoffel and Marcia M. Stoffel \$500 from Highways and Bridges - Highway Land Takings in settlement of their claim for land damages in connection with the 1947 relocation

of North Avenue (see vote of this Board of November 8, 1948), and to authorize the Town Counsel to deliver a check of the Town for \$500 to Mr. and Mrs. Stoffel against a suitable release by them. An order for such payment was drawn and signed accordingly.

Voted to pay Ralph E. and Evelyn M. Bolton \$400 from Highways and Bridges - Highway Land Takings in settlement of their claim for land damages in connection with the 1947 relocation of North Avenue (see vote of this Board of November 8, 1948), and to authorize the Town Counsel to deliver a check of the Town for \$400 to Mr. and Mrs. Bolton against a suitable release by them. An order for such payment was drawn and signed accordingly.

February 19, 1949 A petition having been received for a layout of Nash Lane as a public town way, *voted* to give written notice of intention to make such layout and of a hearing to those interested to be held on March 2, 1949; to have such notice served on Leander H. Redfield, Britton F. Boughner, Marion C. Boughner, Thomas H. Haines, Mildred Haines, and Lloyd S. Gates as all the persons known as owners of lands which will be taken for the purposes of such way or as interested persons; and to have such notice posted on the bulletin board at the Town Hall. Notice was drawn and signed accordingly.

March 2, 1949 pursuant to notice dated February 19, 1949, the selectmen held a hearing on the matter of laying out Nash Lane as a public town way. There was no apposition. Following the hearing the selectmen met and considered the matter of laying out Nash Lane as a public town way. *Voted* to adopt and sign a layout order, copy of which is attached to this record, and to file the order in the office of the Town Clerk. The order was thereupon signed and so filed.

March 17, 1949 *Voted* to rescind vote of March 2, 1949 re Nash Lane and lay the matter on the table.

March 26, 1949 *Voted* that the bonds of Treasurer and Collector, in the amounts of \$44,900 and \$42,800 respectively, be approved and the Commissioner of the Department of Corporations and Taxation be so notified.

Voted to accept the bid of Coombs Motor Co. for a fog wagon chassis as outlined in their proposal of March 25, 1949, net price \$1,796.72.

Voted to accept the offer of Giard & Sons of \$1000, for the asphalt plant at Kendal Green subject to the terms and conditions of the contract as prepared by the Town Counsel and executed by the Selectmen and the Company.

April 2, 1949 *Voted* to pay Charles E. Wark and Alice B. Wark \$2250 from Highways and Bridges - Highway Land Takings in settlement of their claim for land damages in connection with the 1947 relocation of North Avenue (see vote of this board of November 8, 1948), and to authorize the

Town Counsel to deliver a check of the town for \$2250 to them against a suitable release by them. An order for such payment was drawn and signed accordingly.

April 16, 1949 Voted to settle for \$450 a claim of Russell V. Mills and Ina M. Mills for land damages on account of the 1947 relocation of North Avenue, a petition for assessment of which is pending in the Superior Court; and to authorize the Town Counsel to deliver the Town's check for \$450 to Mr. and Mrs. Mills against suitable release by them of their land and disposition of their petition. An order for such payment was drawn and signed accordingly.

Voted to accept resignation of Ferdinand F. Peterson as a member of the Town Bulletin Committee, to take effect at once.

April 30, 1949 Petition to Middlesex County Commissioners for relocation and specific repairs of Lexington Street was signed.

May 21, 1949 Voted that employees of the Highway Department with more than one year's service shall be entitled to one week's vacation between July 1 and September 1 of each year, an additional week to be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent of Streets will be allowed.

June 1, 1949 Voted to accept the award made by the City of Waltham to

H. H. Hawkins & Sons Co., 236 Washington Street, Newton 58, Mass. for the addition of concrete curbs and repairs to the bridge over Stony Brook between the City of Waltham and the Town of Weston.

June 18, 1949 Voted to award contracts for oil to be used by Town buildings during the heating season 1949-50:

To Alger Oil Co. Inc., 430 Mains Street, Watertown, Mass., contract for approximately 32,000 gallons of No. 2 fuel oil at \$.01 below retail tank wagon price at time of delivery.

To Petroleum Heat and Power Company, 419 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass., contract for approximately 60,000 gallons of No. 5 fuel oil for use by the School Department at seller's established price for delivery by transport truck on the day of delivery.

Voted that compensation to be paid reserve police and fire personnel while serving as full-time replacements during vacation period of regular personnel shall be at the rate of \$46.00 per week. This does not affect the rate of \$7.00 per day for other part-time reserve police duty.

July 20, 1949 Voted to award contract for work to be done under Chapter 90 Construction on North Avenue to Sebastian Triconi, 96 Warren St., Waltham, for \$12,837.90, the lowest bid.

September 28, 1949 Voted that the Board of Selectmen shall request an allotment of \$1,500 from the State to be used in connection with maintenance of public ways in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General

Laws. *Voted* that the Board of Selectmen shall request an allotment of \$15,000 from the State for highway construction on North Avenue in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Voted that Gun Club Lane shall be accepted for plowing and that the Superintendent of Streets be so notified.

The Board considered a deed from L. Manlius Sargent and Elizabeth B. Sargent to the Town, dated September 6, 1949, and a partial release by the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, mortgagee, to the Town dated September 15, 1949, respecting drainage across the Sargent property 23 Wellesley Street. *Voted* to accept and record the deed and partial release; to sign and send to Mr. and Mrs. Sargent a letter, dated September 28, 1949, copy of which is attached to this record; and to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to construct a drainage ditch according to the letter. (See vote of November 30, 1949.)

October 10, 1949 Voted to extend the date for completion of a contract between S. Triconi and the Town of Weston to September 30, 1949 as per recommendation of the Department of Public Works.

Voted to approve extra work orders under contract with S. Triconi for completion of the North Avenue construction under Chapter 90 agreement in the amount of \$1,604.

November 5, 1949 Voted to approve the surfacing of the sidewalk on Maple Road on the petition of Dr. Hobbs and six other residents, the surface to consist of hot top and the construction to omit curbing.

Voted to remove lilac hedge from Cutter Corner house and locate a hedge of arbor vitae to improve highway visibility at the intersection of Park Road and South Avenue.

November 26, 1949 Voted to approve a proposed agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the plowing of North Avenue from the Waltham line to the Lincoln line. The Town will be reimbursed for one-half the cost of the labor employed by the Highway Department in plowing this road.

November 30, 1949 In view of the change made in the location of the drainage ditch in the property of Mr. and Mrs. L. Manlius Sargent, 23 Wellesley Street, it was *voted* to execute and record a discontinuance and abandonment, dated November 14, 1949, of the easements respecting such ditch conveyed to the Town by Mr. and Mrs. Sargent's deed of September 6, 1949, it being understood that they are to convey to the Town equivalent easements in the new location of the ditch.

December 3, 1949 Voted to award contract for 1949 Town Report to Eaton Press, Inc. of Watertown, Mass., at the price of \$1,787.50 for 1400 copies of approximately the same number of pages as appeared in the 1948 town report. This proposal includes the printing of an equal number of assessors' valuation lists to be bound separately.

The board considered the matter of establishing a building line in the district zoned for business which is located on the south side of the Boston Post Road from about opposite the end of Concord Road to about opposite the end of Town House Road. It appearing to the board that common convenience and necessity require such a building line, it was *voted* to prepare and sign a notice of intention to establish a building line parallel to the south line of the Boston Post Road and fifteen feet southerly thereof and extending from the west boundary of such business district to the east boundary thereof, and of a hearing on the matter by the board at the Town Hall on Monday, December 19, 1949, at 8 o'clock P.M.; and to have such notice served in accordance with law by one of the police officers in behalf of the board. Such consideration of and action upon the matter of a building line was by Mr. Dewey and Mr. Ayers as a majority of the board; Mr. Coburn stated that he did not care to participate therein and did not participate.

December 10, 1949 Voted that all commercial vehicles in excess of 2½ tons rated capacity be excluded from River Road in the Town of Weston. Mr. Coburn abstained from voting.

Voted to restrict traffic on Pigeon Hill Road during certain hours in order to permit coasting. The Highway Superintendent shall be instructed to post a sign at the intersections of Pigeon Hill Road with Conant Road and with Hill Top Road reading "Coasting Permitted - Vehicles Excluded". Coasting shall be permitted during hours as follows: 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. Monday through Friday, 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Signs will be put out and taken in by those using the road for coasting.

December 17, 1949 Voted to purchase 1950 Mercury 2 door sedan from Ed St. Germain to be used as a police cruiser. Also voted that this car be equipped with overdrive, the total cost to be \$2221.59 with an allowance of \$1221.00 on the 1947 Mercury 4 door sedan, this being the lowest net bid received.

The Selectmen made the following appointments during 1949:

TOWN COUNSEL

Grant M. Palmer, Jr.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

J. Ward Carter

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Stanley Fabbri

LOCAL MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

John L. Duffy

CHIEF OF POLICE

J. Sumner Viles

POLICE OFFICERS

Frank L. Jacques

Harold L. Lingley

Lawrence H. Cugini

Robert C. Millen

Willard J. Frye

Robert P. Lazzari

PERMANENT RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS (under Civil Service)

Roland L. Bumpus

Gilbert L. Upham

Frank O. Shaw

Frank J. Woods

PROVISIONAL RESERVE POLICE OFFICER (under Civil Service)

Grant Atwood

CONSTABLES AND DOG OFFICERS

J. Sumner Viles

Lawrence H. Cugini

Frank L. Jacques

Willard J. Frye

CONSTABLES

Benjamin P. Adams

Maurice L. Upham

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Eugene O. Hanson (term to expire 1952)

VETERANS' AGENT

Wm. R. Dewey, Jr.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, POUND KEEPER AND

KEEPER OF LOCKUP

J. Sumner Viles

BURIAL AGENT

Winfred A. Martin

BURIAL AGENT FOR VETERANS

Winfred A. Martin

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

J. Sumner Viles

Vina MacLeod

Gladys Whittemore

Harold A. Ogilvie

Frederick M. Foote

Raymond E. Ogilvie

Mrs. Paul Cahill

WEIGHERS OF CRUSHED STONE AND BITUMINOUS MATERIAL

H. O. Robinson

Richard Robinson

Edgar S. Burkhardt

John J. Whelan

Robert Burkhardt

Clifford C. Cooper, Jr.

Owen T. Hillberg

FIELD DRIVERS

Ralph Woodworth, Jr. C. Frederic Edgarton
Douglas Schofield

FENCE VIEWERS

George W. A. Hammond Jerome C. Hunsaker, Jr.
Frank L. Hitchcock

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Paul R. Allen	Adam M. McClay
J. Robert Ayers	Horace P. Morton
Benjamin S. Blake	Harold A. Ogilvie
Francis Blake	Oscar Payne
Edward C. Briggs	Gilbert Peakes
Roland L. Bumpus	Leander F. Rafuse
John A. Cain, Jr.	Alfred F. Raynor, Jr.
Philip Cassidy	Philip J. Sheehan
John H. Clark	Jeremiah Sliney
Raymond W. Coburn	Reginald W. Stevens
Fred J. Cunningham	Charles H. Stimpson, Jr.
Gordon R. Desmond	Pickering D. Stone
William R. Dewey, Jr.	Herbert E. Tyler
Edward M. Dickson	G. Leonard Upham
E. Olsen Field	Maurice L. Upham
Asa B. Foster	Warren E. Vittum
Eugene O. Hanson	Stanley Warren
Dorothy Hartel	Olney Washburn
Edward T. Harrington	Parker Williams
Bartholomew Kelly	Harold B. Willis
Joseph MacDonald	Frank J. Woods
Winfred A. Martin	

BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Alfred Thomas (term to expire 1952)

Associate Member:

Walter H. Trumbull (term to expire 1952)

LIAISON OFFICER FOR TOWN OF WESTON FOR MIDDLESEX
COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Helen E. Cutting

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Austin S. Hale

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Maurice L. Upham

**ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND ASSISTANT
INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

Charles H. Stimpson, Jr.

BALLOT CLERKS

Marie L. Tilton

John A. Cain

ELECTION OFFICERS

Mary R. Berry

John Harte

TELLERS

Annie E. Barbetti

Mary A. McMahon

Mary E. Cain

Frederick W. Perkins

Dorothea R. Cugini

Bernice W. Reed

Elsie C. Cunningham

Charlotte E. Robinson

Virginia M. Giles

Anna H. Smith

Barbara E. Hanney

Mary G. Viles

Dorothy S. Hartel

Warren E. Vittum

Florence Hastings

Margery V. Washburn

Yvonne M. Jacques

Helen P. Wheeler

Elsie G. Ladensack

Frank J. Woods

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Edward P. Ripley

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

(to serve until April 1, 1952)

Mrs. Edward W. Rayner

William P. Coues, Jr.

APPOINTED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TOWN CLERK

Member of the FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dwight Foster (to fill vacancy caused by resignation of
Howard Gambrill)

APPOINTMENT BY TOWN CLERK

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

J. Robert Ayers

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Elizabeth B. Doyle

Stina L. Soderberg

Harold J. Adler

Edward C. Cutler

Thomas E. Rush

MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

(for three years)

G. Kennard Wakefield Stanley G. French
Donald J. Hurley

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Curtis M. Hilliard

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

Harold B. Colpitts

SANITARY INSPECTOR

Harold S. Hanks

SPECIAL AGENTS TO ISSUE BURIAL PERMITS

Francis Blake Muriel R. Vittum
Wm. R. Dewey, Jr. Margaret E. Berry

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Dr. Paul Granholm

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Dr. Paul Granholm

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, holden at Lowell, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine the Inhabitants of Weston, in said County, by their petition to said Commissioners - among other matters - pray that Lexington Street, in said Weston, be relocated and specifically repaired as will more fully appear, reference being had to the petition filed of record in the case.

The petition was presented to the County Commissioners at their meeting holden at Cambridge, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of January, A. D. 1949, when and where notice was ordered given to all persons and corporations interested therein of the time and place when and where said Commissioners would meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties as by their order of notice on file and of record will more fully appear.

And at the time of said view and hearing, said relocation and specific

repairs were deemed to be of common convenience and necessity; and thence said petition has been continued to this time.

And now the said Commissioners make partial return of their proceedings in the premises, as follows: said Commissioners having given notice as the law directs, met at the Town Hall, in said Weston, on the thirty-first day of May in the year nineteen hundred and forty-nine, when and where the parties appeared, to wit, the petitioners by J. W. Carter, Secretary to the Selectmen and Charles H. Stimpson, Town Engineer, and no one appeared to object.

The premises having been examined, and the parties fully heard, said Commissioners proceeded to relocate a portion of said Lexington Street in the manner following, to wit:

The westerly line as is hereby relocated begins in the property line between land of Joseph T. and Jane M. Snow and land owned by the executors under the will of Fiske Warren—all on the westerly side of said street—and is thence N. 29° 01' 50" E., 123+/-feet to a point; thence on a curve of 274.80 feet radius bearing to the left 201.13 feet to a point; thence N. 12° 54' 20" W., 348.44 feet to a point; thence on a curve of 720.00 feet radius bearing to the right 187.13 feet to a point; thence N. 1° 59' 10" E., 130.92 feet to a point—all as shown by the plan to which reference is hereinafter made.

The easterly line as is hereby relocated begins at the northwesterly end of a curve of 50.00 feet radius 88.58 feet in length in the northerly line of a portion of North Avenue as laid out by the County Commissioners in their order of given date, viz: September 16, 1949, said point being also 50.00 feet distant easterly of the above-described westerly line; thence N. 29° 01' 50" E., parallel with a portion of a similar course in the above-described westerly line and 50.00 feet distant therefrom 81.05 feet to a point which is opposite the northeasterly end of the course bearing N. 29° 01' 50" E., 123+/-feet in length in the above-described westerly line; thence parallel to the above-described westerly line and 50.00 feet distant therefrom to a point opposite the point of ending of the above-described westerly line; thence the said easterly line continues N. 88° 00' 50" W., 21.33 feet to a point in the present easterly line as laid out by the said town of Weston in 1886—all as shown by the plan to which reference is hereinafter made.

The above courses are reckoned from the true meridian, and the description is intended to conform to a plan of said way on file in the office of said Commissioners, dated 1949, on which the above-described lines are shown in red and to which reference may be made for a more particular description of the lines above described and of the areas of land hereinafter ordered taken.

For the purpose of this relocation all the land on the easterly side of said street lying between the said easterly line of said street as laid out by the said town of Weston in 1886 and the easterly line as above described and/or a course 18.27 feet in length in the northerly line of

North Avenue as laid out by the said County Commissioners in their order of relocation of said Avenue of even date, viz: September 16, 1949, and all the land westerly of the said westerly street line as laid out by the said town of Weston in 1886 and lying between the said present 1886 westerly street line and the westerly line as above described is hereby taken as an easement for highway purposes from the following named parties to the amount set against their respective names.

On the westerly side.

Grechen O. Warren, M. Phillips Mason, and
Harold T. Davis—Executors u/w of Fiske Warren
Registered Land Certificate No. 58771,

Book 393, Page 117—Parcel No. 1 About 12,000 square feet

Robert M. and Frances E. Francis
Registered Land Certificate No. 67170,

Book 449, Page 121—Parcel No. 2 About 345 square feet

On the easterly side.

Kendal Common, Incorporated Parcel No. 3 About 1,775 square feet

On the easterly side.

Kendal Common, Incorporated
Registered Land Certificate No. 67154,

Book 449, Page 57 Parcel No. 4 About 1,750 square feet

Alfred H. and Florence E. Johnson
Registered Land Certificate No. 65314,

Book 436, Page 201 Parcel No. 5 About 1,500 square feet

Kendal Common, Incorporated
Registered Land Certificate No. 67154,

Book 449, Page 57 Parcel No. 6 About 850 square feet

Gretchen O. Warren, M. Phillips Mason, and
Harold T. Davis—Executors u/w of Fiske Warren
Registered Land Certificate No. 58771,

Book 393, Page 117 Parcel No. 7 About 1,080 square feet

Trees are also taken.

Walls and fences which may lie within the limits of the above-described lines shall be removed, and, with the consent of the owners, may be erected at the new lines.

Suitable monuments shall be set to mark the above-described lines of said way.

The said Commissioners award no damages. The said town of Weston shall pay all damages, costs, and expenses which any party may by legal process obtain in consequence of this order of relocation and all

such damages, costs, and expenses are assessed upon the said town of Weston.

The said town of Weston shall make entry within the limits of the way as above relocated for the purpose of taking possession of the lands herein ordered taken, and on or before the first day of September, 1951, shall proceed to render said way safe and convenient for public travel.

The highway as thus relocated is declared a public way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the said County Commissioners, have hereunto set our hands this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

MELVIN G. ROGERS
WILLIAM G. ANDREW
JAMES A. CULLEN

A true copy,
Attest:

RAYMOND E. POWELL
Assistant Clerk

Received and recorded
FRANCIS BLAKE

October 1, 1949

Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, holden at Lowell, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine The Inhabitants of Weston, in said County, by their petition to said Commissioners—among other matters—pray that North Avenue and other ways, in said Weston, may be relocated and specifically repaired, as will more fully appear, reference being had to the petition filed of record in the case.

The petition was presented to the County Commissioners at their meeting holden at Cambridge, within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of June, A.D. 1942, when and where notice was ordered given to all persons and corporations interested therein of the time and place when and where said Commissioners would meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties as by their order of notice on file and of record will more fully appear.

And, after due proceedings, said Commissioners relocated said way and directed specific repairs thereon, as appears of record, the last return relating thereto being dated May 20, 1949; thence said petition has been continued to this time.

And now the said Commissioners make further return of their proceedings in the premises, as follows:

The premises having been examined, and the parties fully heard, said Commissioners proceeded to relocate a portion of the northerly line of said North Avenue in the manner following to wit:

The northerly line as is hereby relocated begins at a point in the boundary line between the said town of Weston and the city of Waltham, said point being also the northwesterly end of the present northerly line of Main Street as laid out in the city of Waltham by the County Commissioners August 23, 1949; thence N. $45^{\circ} 34' 43''$ W., in a direct continuation of the said northerly line of Main Street, Waltham, 36.11 feet to a point; thence N. $45^{\circ} 04' 18''$ W., 436.73 feet to a point; thence on a curve of 908.08 feet radius bearing to the left 436.11 feet to a point; thence N. $72^{\circ} 35' 18''$ W., 140.08 feet to a point; thence on a curve of 50.00 feet radius bearing to the right 88.58 feet to a point which also marks the beginning of the easterly line of Lexington Street as laid out by the said County Commissioners in their order of even date, viz: September 16, 1949; thence N. $61^{\circ} 04' 58''$ W., 18.27 feet to the present easterly line of said Lexington Street as laid out by the said town of Weston in 1886—all as shown by the plan to which reference is hereinafter made.

The above courses are reckoned from the true meridian, and the description is intended to conform to a plan of said way on file in the office of said Commissioners, dated 1949, on which the above-described lines are shown in red and to which reference may be made for a more particular description of the lines above described and of the areas of land hereinafter ordered taken.

For the purpose of this relocation all the land lying northerly of the present northerly street line between the present northerly street line and the above-described northerly line, and or the said present easterly line of Lexington Street as laid out by the said town of Weston in 1886 is hereby taken as easement for highway purposes from the following named parties to the amounts set against their respective names.

Kendal Common, Inc.

Registered Land Certificate No. 67154,

Book 449, Page 57 Parcel No. 1 About 7,950 square feet

Kendal Common, Inc. Parcel No. 2 About 1,800 square feet

Trees are also taken.

Walls and fences which may lie within the limits of the above-described lines shall be removed, and, with the consent of the owners, may be erected at the new lines.

Suitable monuments shall be set to mark the above-described lines of said way.

The said Commissioners award no damages. The said town of Weston shall pay all damages, costs, and expenses which any party may by legal process obtain in consequence of this order of relocation

and all such damages, costs, and expenses are assessed upon the said town of Weston.

The said town of Weston shall make entry within the limits of the way as above relocated for the purpose of taking possession of the lands herein ordered taken, and on or before the first day of September, 1951, shall proceed to render said way safe and convenient for public travel.

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A true copy,
Attest:

RAYMOND E. POWELL
Assistant Clerk
October 1, 1949

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FRANCIS BLAKE
Town Clerk

JURY LIST

Capen Abbott	Proprietor	26 Newton St.
Philip D. Bassett	Red Cross Work	751 Boston Post Rd.
Joseph M. Bradley	Chem. Res.	236 Boston Post Rd.
George E. Bulwinkle, Jr.	Prod. Supt.	230 Merriam St.
John B. Butler	Supt. of Ed.	30 North Avenue
Edwin B. Burt	Dial Designer	21 Loring Road
Warren D. Campbell	Safety Eng.	120 Church Street
Philip A. Connors	Clerk	22 Wellesley St.
Charles B. Cutter, Jr.	Banking	40 Park Road
Edward C. Dooley	Ins. & R.E. Br.	48 South Avenue
Donald D. Douglass	Advertising	72 Church Street
George W. Dwyar	Cable Splicer	126 North Avenue
Newell O. Ellis	Asst. Sales Mgr.	177 Boston Post Rd.
Putnam P. Flint	Sales Eng.	34 North Avenue
Harold Foote	Store	282 North Avnue
William A. Funderburk	Construction	38 Webster Road
Charles P. Gorely, Jr.	Landscape Arch.	787 Boston Post Rd.
J. Ernest Gwilliam	Asst. Treas.	Montvale Road
Herbert W. Hastings	Proprietor	6 Brook Road
John P. Hyland	Div. Auditor	42 Partridge Hill Rd.
Owen C. Howe, Jr.	Engineer	248 Boston Post Rd.
J. Wesley Jones	Superintendent	89 Wellesley St.
R. Kenneth Jones	Indust. Eng.	35 Newton Street
David M. Kellogg, Jr.	Salesman	177 Boston Post Road
John L. Kronenberg	Div. Mgr.	154 Newton Street
Theodore R. Lingley	Farmer	17 Warren Lane
Herbert E. Lyons	Milk Delivery	454 Boston Post Rd.
Russell L. Mailman	Controller	11 Warren Place
William J. McDonald	Executive	183 Ridgeway Road
Samuel Murray	Farmer	77 Loring Road
William A. Mix	Const. Supt.	2 Pigeon Hill Rd.
Robert F. Muzzey	Banking	3 Loring Road
Thomas Newbold	Sales Engineer	Gypsy Trail
Perley L. Norton	Claim Adj.	425 South Avenue
William R. Otto	Greenhouse Wkr.	272 North Avenue
Theodore G. Patterson	Investments	40 Wellesley Street
Herman L. Peakes	Salesman	194 Merriam Street
Wesley T. Putney	Plasterer	2 North Avenue

JURY LIST — (Continued)

Kenneth W. Raymond	Ins.	Gun Club Lane
George E. Rutherford	General Man	360 South Avenue
John A. Swanson	Machinist	16 Jones Road
James J. Tynan	Electrical	204 Merriam Street
Kenneth B. Turner	Executive	151 Lexington Street
Elliot G. Vivian	Wholesale Paper	455 Glen Road
W. Stanley Wade	Machinist	35 Loring Road
Sharlton A. Whitaker	Accounting	50 Park Road
Thomas G. Wilder	Manufacturer	10 Winsor Way
Craig Wylie	Publ. Business	863 Boston Post Rd.
James R. Zanck	Electrician	7 Locust Road

JURORS DRAWN

Civil

Frank L. Gray
 Alfred E. Ewer
 Edwin B. Burt
 Harold Foote

Criminal

Sharlton A. Whitaker

Grand Juror

R. Kenneth Jones

